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Sidney

Sidney, Feb. 26.—The rural comedy,

"Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard,"

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Thursday evening by the Young

People's Society, proved a huge suc-

cess. The characters as they appeared

on the stage were: Mrs. Briggs, a

widow with an eye to business, Mr. Day,

Ralph, W. W. Owens (Jennie), J. Howton (Alvira),

Miss G. Wattis (Melleesa) and Mrs.

W. Thorneley; Silas Green, a "near

tragedy" bachelor; carefully guarded

by his sisters, N. Fralick; Mr. Day,

wealthy neighbor, widower, a story

of tragedy; Virginia Day, his

daughter in love with Ralph, Miss

Ivy Hill; Daisy Thornton, Virginia's

friend, Jimmy's love; Miss G. Daniels

(O'Connor), neighbor with no

love for goats, Miss E. Carter;

Mandy Bates, spinner with weak-

ness for stuttering, Miss M. Lane.

The theatre was well filled with an

appreciative audience, who were

kept in an uproar of laughter dur-

ing the three acts, which were very

cleverly acted by the players. Dur-

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As Proposed Anglican Theological College Will Appear When Completed



Saanich have moved to the residence of the North Saanich Golf Club.

Plans have been completed and tenders will be invited within a few weeks for the erection of the new Theological College at Point Grey, Vancouver, the Rev. Dr. Vance, principal of the Anglican Theological College of B.C., gave a comprehensive report of the work of the college at the meeting of the synod this week. He reported a considerable increase in registration and the largest list of applications for the coming year in the history of the college, and mentioned contributions of valuable pictures and some five hundred books, and stated that generous contributions had brought the building fund to within a few thousand dollars of the \$125,000 required for the new college.

BETTER TERMS TO LIFT B.C. TAX BURDEN

Succession Duties, High Income and Other Levies Can Be Ended, Says Cowan

British Columbia is entitled to a subsidy of \$750,000 a year in perpetuity from the Dominion Government, the Rev. H. C. Cowan, C.O. of Vancouver, declared in his address to the Sir John A. Macdonald Club here last night. Other better terms items he said, were return of B.C. lands given to the Dominion in trust, return of money paid in taxes and spent on acquisition and development of George's Bay Company, the Dominion obtained from the purse of the people of Canada not only the money to buy western lands, but the money with which to develop them.

"B.C. has an unanswerable claim to at least \$750,000 a year in perpetuity," Mr. Cowan said. "This Province has paid three times more in taxes per capita than any other province, and a large part of this money was put to the acquisition and development of the Northwest territories, which belong to the people of Canada as a whole, and large portions of which were now being given to some of the people."

"The hour has long since struck when the Government of British Columbia and the public men of British Columbia should have a definite policy to reward the financial contributions of British Columbia with the Dominion and other provinces."

DEFINE CLAIM

"To define and assert the terms that would be fair and equitable to B.C. since the resolution of April 25, 1921, when the House of Commons agreed to transfer to the Prairie Provinces the Dominion lands and resources within their boundaries only on terms fair and equitable to the other provinces, had been the task of the B.C. Government, he declared."

Promer Oliver's present resolution on the question, he went on, dealt only with the return of the Dominion railway belt and the Peace River block, and did not refer to the

"Instead of bleeding us white with taxation, they will go after our rights as the Maritime Governments have gone after their rights, and like the Maritimes, they will get them."

"If they will only inquire into and get to know the facts, they will find as has been said that it is not for the Parliament, by gifts to other provinces, to wipe out our rights without consulting and compensating us that Parliament is the people's agent to administer the people's property, not to make gifts of it, except in a few well-defined cases of charity; that as a have a right to say, there is no precedent to warrant Parliament in taking what belongs to all, and giving it to some without consulting and compensating the others whose rights are extinguished by the gift; that for Parliament to do so would be an act of a tyrannous majority."

The Province should be paid on the funded amount at five per cent per annum to perpetuity. Investigation at Ottawa would disclose that the funded amount would be at least \$15,000,000.

RAIRIE PROVINCES TO BLAME

"All these questions of Provincial subsidies and natural resources have arisen out of the acquisition and development by the Dominion of the Northwest Territories with the money of all the people of Canada, and the subsequent free gift of the greater part, and the best part, of these territories to the central provinces without consulting or compensating British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces, and that free gift has upset the equity and the financial equilibrium of all the provinces and is breeding internal friction between them."

The return of the Dominion railway belt and the Peace River block is a simple question. Under the terms of the Union, the railway belt, as a depository block, was conveyed to the Dominion in trust for the furtherance of the conveyance of the C.P.R. By that conveyance the Dominion acquired the beneficial interest only to the extent of the right as a trustee to dispose of those lands to aid in the construction of the C.P.R.

"The other words, the beneficial interest in these lands passed to the Dominion only to the extent necessary for the purposes of the trust. The trust was to use the lands in aid of construction. Some of these lands were, I think, so used. But construction was completed and fully paid for in July, 1886. There was then an end to the trust, and the lands that remained were condemned to those unsold lands there arose at once a new trust, what lawyers call a resulting trust, in favor of the Province of British Columbia.

"In plain everyday language, that means that in July, 1886, it became, and has ever since been, the duty of the Dominion to convey back to British Columbia the unsold lands in the Dominion railway belt and the Peace River block, and to account for the proceeds of sales made since July, 1886."

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Results of British Football Contests

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The game was played in a down-pour of rain. Wales kicked off but the French returned finely and staged an attack which looked promising. However, Morgan secured and ran half the length of the field and passed to Rowe-Harding, who scored a try which Powell could not convert.

Wales immediately returned to the attack and Andrews went over for a try after a clever corkscrew run. No conversion was possible. A French rally brought them a try through Prevost, who got over near a corner. Wales for the rest of the half monopolized the play. Roberts scored the try. While they were running near the line and just before the interval Rowe-Harding got another try, making the half-time score, Wales 12, France 3.

BAILLET INJURED

Early in the second half France lost Balliette, who retired with an injured shoulder. Wales pushed right on the Irish and just before the whistle Morton beat Scott with a goal which clinched the match in Scotland's favor.

SCOTLAND WINS

Belfast, Feb. 26.—Scotland beat

Ireland in an international soccer match here to-day, 2 to 0.

These international matches began in 1884 and Scotland has won 34 and Ireland two and three have been drawn.

Forty thousand saw the game.

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HARD BATTLE

The Irish rushed in at the beginning of the second half, but could not get near the Scottish goal. For twenty minutes the game was a tough battle, the ball going up and down the field. The goalkeepers tried to run out to save. Harkness pulled a particularly brilliant save from McGilligan and then Sloan was only inches wide on a fast grounder. Scott knocked down a vicious low drive from Gallacher and cleared.

Toward the end Scotland closed in on the Irish and just before the whistle Morton beat Scott with a goal which clinched the match in Scotland's favor.

London, Feb. 26.—Football games to-day resulted as follows:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 6, Burnley 2. Birmingham 1, Tottenham 0. Blackburn 4, Leeds United 1. Bury 1, West Ham United 2. Derby County 2, Aston Villa 3.

Huddersfield 0, Everton 2. Liverpool 1, Newcastle United 2. Manchester United 0, Bolton Wanderers 0. Sheffield United 2, Cardiff City 1. Sunderland-Leicester not played. West Bromwich 3, Wednesday 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 1, Manchester City 1. Blackpool 0, Fulham 2. Bradford City 1, Hull City 2. Chelsea 4, South Shields 1. Preston 5, Preston North End 2. Middlesbrough 4, Clapton Orient 0. Notts Forest 5, Darlington 1. Port Vale 6, Notts County 2. Reading 6, Oldham Athletic 1. Southampton 1, Wolverhampton 0. Swansea 1, Portsmouth 1.

THIRD DIVISION

Ashington 2, Bradford 2. Barrow 2, Durham City 1. Chesterfield 2, Walsall 0. Crewe Alexandra 4, Tranmere Rovers 1. Halifax Town 4, Accrington Stanley 3. Middlesbrough 3, Rochdale 2. Nelson 2, Lincoln City 1. New Brighton 3, Rotherham United 0. Stockport County 2, Southport 4. Wigan-Doncaster, not played. Wrexham 2, Stoke City 6.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Aberdeen Athletic 2, Crystal Palace 2. Bournemouth and Boscombe 1, Charlton Athletic 2. Brentford 6, Exeter City 1. Brighton and Hove 2, Southend United 1. Bristol City 3, Bristol Rovers 1. Gillingham 3, Watford 0. Millwall 4, Swindon 1.

Newport County 4, Coventry City 1. Northampton 2, Merthyr 0. Norwich City, 3, Luton 2. Plymouth-Queens Park Rangers, unplayed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Celtic 5, St. Mirren 2. Cowdenbeath 0, Dundee 1. Dundee United 4, Dunfermline Athletic 4. Falkirk 3, Clyde 3. Hibernians 3, Hamilton Acad. 1. Motherwell 1, Airdrieonians 5. Partick Thistle 2, Hearts 2. Queen's Park Rangers not played. St. Johnstone 1, Aberdeen 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Aberlour Rovers 1, Raith Rovers 1. Arbroath 2, Stenhousemuir 1. Arthurlees 2, Queen of South 4. Bells 2, St. Mirren 1. Celtic 3. Bohemians 3, East Stirlingshire 1. Clydebank 2, Third Lanark 2. East Fife 3, Armadeal 2. Kilmarnock 2, Dunbar 0. Nithsdale Wanderers 0, Alloa 3. St. Bernard's 2, Ayr United 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 13, Huddersfield 7. Salford 10, Bradford 10. St. Helens 9, Rovers 1. Wigan High 7. Others not played.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

Second Round

Widnes 2, Didsbury 2. Swinton 10, York 8. Hull 23, Broughton 15. Hunslet 2, Oldham 15. Batley 7, Featherstone 6. Wakefield 7, Halifax 2. Rochdale 0, Hull Kingston 14. Leeds 12, Wigan 2.

RUGBY UNION

Edgeware 38, Bridgewater 0. Guy's 6, Birkenhead Park 6. Old Alleyrians 0, R.M.C. Greenwood 5. Old Merchant Tailors 18, Old Millhills 3.

London Scottish 19, Cambridge University 15.

Bristol 0, Richmond 3. Crosskeys 0, Abberavon 0. Cardiff 3, Leicester 3. Coventry 25, Ashton Old Edwardians 5.

Gloucester 4, Bath 5. Moseley 2, Blackheath 12. Manchester 25, Liverpool 3. Northampton 13, St. Bart's 6. Penrith 0, Neath 5.

Torquay 8, London Welsh 6. Portsmouth Services 10, Harlequins 3.

Glasgow Acad. 23, Glasgow University 3.

Royal High School 3, Heriotians 16.

Watsonians 9, Gala 8. Stewartians 23, Edinburgh Acadia 14.

Hillheads 6, Edinburgh University 17.

Kelvinside 6, Edinburgh Wanderers 11.

CONSERVATIVE SPLIT COMES TO HEAD AT WOMEN'S MEETING

(Continued from page 1)

"Be it resolved that this meeting of the Women's Progressive Conservative Club emphatically condemns the actions of the president, officers, executive and members of the Victoria Conservative Association in discriminating against the club by not permitting it representation on the central executive and permitting another body of Conservative women in the city of Victoria to have the fullest representation and characteristics the treatment as aforesaid of the Women's Progressive Conservative Club as being inequitable and biased."

Sinnott, president of the McBride Club, was the honored guest of the evening and gave a most impressive talk on organization and other work appertaining to the welfare and progress of the Conservative Party.

The club will meet, in future, on the fourth Friday in each month. The members voted the meeting as one of the most enjoyable and instructive since the club's incorporation.

There was a large attendance of members, a lot of old-timers were present, some talked and new business discussed.

The president requested all members to use their best endeavors in placing new voters on the list and especially urging the young members present to see that their young friends who are eligible are placed on the list.

The president, who is a commissioner, will be pleased to take applications at her residence, 732 Yates Street.

Twelve new members were proposed and accepted, and five new members welcomed.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the president and five hundred and other games were enjoyed until past midnight.

Mr. Stevens declined to apologize.

Mr. Stewart insisted no agreement had been signed or laid on the table; it had not even been contemplated.

The agreement had been drafted and negotiated. "It was aired in this House," said Mr. Stevens.

"It never was negotiated; it never was considered," said Mr. Stewart.

NO EXPORTATION PLANNED

Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, said there never had been any contract signed to allow power to be shipped to the United States and that no such contract had been laid on the table of the House. As a matter of fact, a member of the Tasmanian Government had tried to get the Government to sign a contract, and the Government had refused.

These meetings urge the Government to send a vigorous reply to the British Foreign Secretary, whose comments are characterized as unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile the Soviet newspapers continue to show a discreet moderation in their editorials and Foreign Office circles remain silent.

Indications are that the Soviet reply will not be ready before the end of next week.

Soviet Chiefs Say Foreigners Killed Many in Shanghai

Moscow, Feb. 26.—"United States and European imperialists" are accused of the murder of 2,000 Chinese in Shanghai by a flaming proclamation issued to the workers of the world by the Red International Society for Relief of Political Prisoners Abroad.

The society urges the workers and peasants of all countries to "rise against those responsible for these mountains of human victims of the white terror in China."

BUDGET VOTE IS SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Divisions in Commons Expected Then; Stevens and Others Share in Debate.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—It is expected the vote on the budget in the House of Commons will be taken next Tuesday. The effort to conclude the debate this week failed and last night adjournment was made until Monday.

The speakers yesterday were Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative, Vancouver Centre; John Evans, Progressive, Rosetown, Sask.; E. G. Odette, Liberal, East Essex, Ontario, and C. R. McIntosh, Liberal, North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

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DEBT QUESTION

In the last four speeches the Minister of Finance had announced debt reductions aggregating \$110,000,000. Mr. Stevens continued. However, the net debt on December 31, 1926, was only \$79,000,000 less than it was five years previous.

"There is the \$100,000,000 reduction?" he asked. "It is not reflected in any of the blue books. It is a myth."

Of this reduction in the net debt, he said, \$58,000,000 had been in Dominion bonds circulated. He considered that a mistake as it hampered business to reduce the total amount of Dominion notes.

"The member no doubt agrees" interrupted Hon. J. A. Robb, Finance Minister, "that the Canadian currency is on a sounder basis now as a result of the five years when it was at sixteen per cent discount in New York."

Mr. Stevens said Canadian currency was at a discount then because of world causes entirely and not Canadian causes.

RAILWAY BONDS

The term "net debt" was a misnomer, Mr. Stevens said. The real debt of the Dominion was \$155,000,000. Even with \$35,000,000 the Minister had paid off last year, the funded debt was \$16,000,000 more than it was five years ago, he said. In addition there were railway bonds guaranteed by the Government and the Canadian National Railways of \$65,000,000. This amount should be added to the funded debt so that it really was \$2,129,000,000. He said the actual cash invested by the country in railways was \$1,113,590,000.

CARILLON POWER

Mr. Stevens brought up a two-year-old question in connection with the Carillon power project. He said the Liberal Government had been prepared at that time to give a contract to the United States for the power which would have enabled them to transport the power to be developed from those falls, located on the lower Ottawa River, across into the United States. It was quite by accident he had discovered, he said, that this would be allowed by the contract.

When Mr. Stevens declared the Government had planned to sign a Carillon power contract, Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, jumped to his feet, declaring: "You cannot get away with that."

Mr. Stevens said it was true. He declared Premier Taschereau and Premier Ferguson had been appealed to and they stopped the deal from going through, but the draft contract had been laid on the table of the House.

NO CONTRACT SIGNED

"I do not often interrupt any speaker," said Mr. Stewart, amid applause from the Liberal members, "but what has just been said is absolutely true." The speaker never was a contract signed. There was no deal entered into whatsoever."

"I did not say it was signed, but it was laid on the table," replied Mr. Stevens.

There were shouts of "Yes, you did" from the Liberals and Mr. Stewart again interrupted saying: "I think my honorable friend should apologize."

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A bill to remove the liability of the re-election of members of the House of Commons on acceptance of Cabinet appointments will be introduced in the course of the present session. Notice of intention to introduce a bill along these lines has been given by S. W. Jacob, Liberal, Cartier Division of Montreal.

DIVORCE BILLS

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WHETHER THE BILL COMPELLING the municipalities to adopt the superannuation system for their employees is in order or not will not be known until the Speaker has given his decision.

If it is in order it should not be passed without an amendment requiring the consent of the ratepayers of any municipality in which an attempt is made to apply it. It is admitted that the superannuation system is an excellent thing, but it should be for the municipalities to say whether they want it or not, not for the Legislature to force it upon them.

The principle involved in this case is extremely important not only to the municipalities but to the Legislature as well. The Legislature would be well advised, on this and many other matters affecting municipal interests, to ascertain the wishes of the municipalities before taking action.

There are, after all, very few members of the House sufficiently familiar with the affairs of individual municipalities to initiate laws affecting them. The most inexperienced alderman of Victoria, for example, knows the needs and problems of this community better than any members of the House, with the exception, perhaps, of ex-Mayor Hayward. Indeed, it is not often that the Legislature is competent to deal intimately with the peculiar problems of any particular municipality.

There are enough meddlesome laws on the statute books—meddlesome in relation to business and production, the logical and normal processes of which they set aside—without adopting any more.

THE "INCONVENIENCE OF THE MOMENT"

IN A DISPATCH FROM LONDON YES-
terday we were told "the view taken by many of the big London firms doing business in China is that the Hankow agreement is nothing else than a complete surrender to Chen."

That is quite a natural view for them to take. No doubt they have in mind the possibility of a similar kind of a settlement in respect of Shanghai. That would interfere with their business to a very considerable extent. It would mean monetary loss for the firm being.

All this must be expected. Successful resistance to Chinese demands at this stage would merely mean a postponement of the inevitable settlement. China means to realize her ambitions. Big London firms can not hope to thwart her.

This is the "inconvenience of the moment" to which Sir Austen Chamberlain referred recently when he said he was "thinking of our relations with China for the next hundred years." It is not pleasant for those directly involved. But their interests, with which China should find it good business to deal fairly, are relatively unimportant compared with the greater issue of a nation of more than 400,000,000 people trying to replace domestic strife by ordered government and modern methods.

It is fervently to be hoped that nothing happens in Shanghai that will prevent the peaceful development of the "legitimate aspirations of Chinese Nationalism." Lives and property must be protected, however, and China will serve her own ends by preventing bloodshed.

GAME CONSERVATION

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CANADA the most important subject discussed at the Thirteenth National Game Conference, held in New York City recently, was the conservation of marsh lands in the United States. Marsh lands are essential to waterfowl migrating between Canada and the United States as feeding places during migration and as places to winter, and many different influences are affecting these marsh areas or causing them to disappear altogether. Legislation dealing with marsh conservation is before the United States Congress and Canadians concerned in any way with the subject of migratory birds are following its progress with interest.

Among the outstanding papers given at the conference was one by Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, on the marsh land situation. The Bear River marshes in the State of Utah have become alkaline and millions of waterfowl have died there because of this condition. By the banding of ducks and other fowl at these marshes it has been proved that the losses sustained there affect the supply in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and in every state West of the Mississippi, except Oregon and Washington. It was estimated that it would take \$300,000 to restore and freshen the Bear River marshes and it also was emphasized that this improvement would be the first to be undertaken under the proposed legislation.

In the discussion of this subject, so far as it re-

lated to Canada, it was pointed out that the supply of waterfowl in the Prairie Provinces would be seriously depleted if the Bear River and similar situations were not remedied. It also was stated that in the drier parts of the Canadian prairies similar losses of waterfowl on a smaller scale had occurred and that scientific studies of the causes were now under way.

Canadian conservationists were present at the conference in considerable number. The Department of the Interior, which is intimately concerned because of its responsibility in this connection, was represented, as were also several of the provincial game departments. Mr. W. W. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior, incidentally, was elected a vice-chairman of the conference.

IT WAS NOT A LOSS

THE MONTREAL STAR ECHOES SENTIMENT to which The Times has given expression several times in regard to what some people have chosen to call "the Wembley failure." These grumblers confine themselves to a study of nothing more than gate receipts. The Montreal journal paints the whole picture as follows:

A good deal has been written about the financial losses incurred in the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924 and 1925, and the legend has been drawn in many quarters that "affroda prima facie est quod non est" and the undertaking was a failure. Nothing could be farther from the truth, in fact. The underwriters of the Exhibition—the British Government and a handful of patriotic men of wealth—had no idea at the outset of making a profit. What they wanted to do was to ensure that the Exhibition should be held and kept open as long as possible in order to enable every Canadian who could get to Wembley to go. With this object in view the prices were cut to a very low figure.

But the main object was achieved. Millions of people visited Wembley and saw what the Empire outside the British Isles had to show them. As a result, millions obtained a new conception of what the British Empire is, and what it can do, and what the British Empire are. Similarly, the scores of thousands of visitors from all quarters of the Empire who went to London and Wembley during 1924 and 1925 learned what Britain is, what she can accomplish, and what her resources are. Wembley was, in short, an inter-imperial assembly for the exchange of information and ideas. The lessons of Wembley went around the world. Those whose courage and financial aid made this gigantic project—the biggest exhibition ever undertaken in the world—possible are content. None but the cynic incapable of vision suggests to-day that Wembley was a failure.

The Exhibition had not been open a month when Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas told a great gathering in the stadium that if the people of Britain expected the show to pay a profit on the capital expended upon it they would have to prepare for a disappointment. He had seen many other values in it and did not worry about the box office side of it.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

PEASANT PROSPECT

From The Hamilton Spectator

Speed, speed, and more speed is the world's slogan. And yet it may be that our present breakneck pace is but a snail-like crawl in comparison with that which is to come.

WEST OR EAST, HOME'S BETTER

From The Consort Monitor

(Quoting a home-town correspondent from Vancouver.) "Possibly the greatest and cheapest publicity campaign carried on in behalf of Consort is aided up by a statement made by a lady of the party the other night, which met with general approval. She said, 'Well, the nicest thing about a trip to the coast is the thought that one can go back to the prairie home in the Spring.'

AT THE TOWN MEETINGS

From The Wainwright Star

It would seem that it is only courteous, at least, to the men who spend their time and in many instances give up other pleasures for the sake of running the affairs necessary, to the well-being of all, that a fair representation of those affected by the decisions and efforts of these bodies should be in attendance. And that's that!

Queer Quirks of Nature

By ARTHUR N. PACK

It flew across the Atlantic before man accomplished thefeat, this little gray and white bird, with beak and bill of yellow and red.

It followed in the wake of a ship from the coast of Ireland to the New Jersey shore, feeding on food thrown overboard and resting when tired, on the waves. This was no special feat for the gull, as it migrates enormous distances, its homing instinct carrying it unerringly home, though thousands of miles away.

There are about fifty species of gulls, from diminutive ones the size of a pigeon to big fellows as heavy as a goose. The herring gull is the one most common along the Atlantic.

It is sociable, noisy and shrewd. The eggs are edible and the birds nest in colonies of thousands and even millions, these nests are often raided, which has caused the disappearance of gulls from large areas.

The Herring Gull has a way of getting what they go after. They have learned to crack the shells of clams of which they are fond, by flying to a considerable height and dropping the bivalve upon the rocks. They persist even though the process has to be repeated sometimes a dozen times before the shell is smashed.

The state of Utah erected a monument to the gulls in gratitude for their coming to the rescue in 1856 and gobbling up the grasshoppers which for three years had ravaged that state, their depredations even threatening the very lives of the settlers.

A THOUGHT

Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.—Ecclesiastes xii. 12.

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars nor its great scholars great men.—W. Holmes.



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British Columbia industry feel that the stand taken by you must be one based on a general principle against legislation such as that proposed, than against the bill itself. The producer alone is the one who can benefit by the proposed control scheme.

That you may appreciate the situation fully perhaps it would be well if we were to outline the bill. The bill is for a short time back of the fruit-growers' attempts to place their industry on a paying basis.

Victoria—Barometer, 20.23; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S.W.; rain, 16; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 20.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 12; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 20.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 20.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.

East Vancouver—Point Barometer, 20.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, 12; weather, clear.

Tatooose—Barometer, 20.23; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, 14; weather, cloudy.

Victoria—Barometer, 20.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N.W.; rain, 14; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 20.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, 12; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 20.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, 12; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 20.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 2; below, snow, 2.

Temperature

Victoria 53 Max. 26 Min. 16

Vancouver 44 Max. 26 Min. 14

Penticton 44 Max. 26 Min. 14

Nelson 34 Max. 26 Min. 14

Swift Current 29 Max. 26 Min. 14

Regina 15 Max. 26 Min. 14

Moose Jaw 16 Max. 26 Min. 14

Calgary 15 Max. 26 Min. 14

Ottawa 36 Max. 26 Min. 14

Montreal 34 Max. 26 Min. 14

St. John 34 Max. 26 Min. 14

Halifax 32 Max. 26 Min. 14

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VICTORIA MUSICAL FESTIVAL

To the Editor—I was glad to see the letter from Mr. Douglas Macey in a recent issue of The Times, referring to criticism of the Festival as antagonistic to Vancouver.

Also another critic has been heard that there should not be a festival in the Province, so that the winners of the competitions would have worth-while honors.

I think, sir, that this is not the best view to take of such an affair. I would rather look upon it as a means of encouragement to the people generally to any who would take a practical interest in musical matters, especially, choral singing, which is in danger, in these days of ready-made music by phonograph and air, of becoming a lost art.

If one takes note of the choruses when giving orations in the city, there will be a grettable absence of young people, especially boys. May it not possibly be traced to the absence of singing in any great extent in our public schools? It is an undoubted fact the great majority of the members of our choruses are Old Country people who inherit their love of singing from their actual parents.

I believe it is in this condition of affairs which has influenced the people of our local festival. Therefore, I would suggest it is the duty and privilege of all interested in our musical well-being especially the art of choral singing, to get behind the movement and help to provide Victoria and its visitors with a joyful musical feast.

BASS CLEF.

Victoria, B.C., February 25, 1927.

WHY IT IS NEEDED

To the Editor.—The attitude of the Victoria Times on the proposed financial control bill now before the Legislature has occasioned considerable surprise to the very many fruit-growers of the Province who are interested in this legislation. The men who realize the support which your paper has at all times given to any movement tending to promote

I do not think that direct financial aid offers a remedy which is adequately enough in its action. The effect of such an up-to-date stabilization of fruit markets can only be seen if the growers have had sufficient time to apply it where it will do the most good, and stabilization will only be effective after sufficient time has elapsed to permit the resultant benefits to growers to outweigh the causes of the present disorganization.

It has been stated that direct financial aid has in the past satisfactorily assisted the grain growers. It should be remembered, however, that this is not a perishable product such as fruit is, and the ordinary loan margin is always security for money advanced, even if it has to be held over in the elevators to meet the demand and obtain a fair market.

The proposed control bill is the result of years of experience—both and costly—of theistic endeavor to reach a solution by agreement between shippers, and it is proposed now in the hope that given a fair trial it may, as past efforts have not been, be a step onward to a permanent solution and in the degree and in the respect that it is a success or failure, indicates the remedial measure may improve it.

It is felt too, that financial aid, while it may give temporary relief, does not offer the permanent solution of the difficulty. Obviously such aid cannot be continued indefinitely. To assist in a market control scheme and carry it over the lean years of organization such aid would indeed be a boon to the growers.

The problem is not a problem of the producer alone, it is a consumer's problem as well, and as soon as the producer and the consumer get together and establish closer contact, just as it will be felt by the one, the benefit of stabilization resulting from the elimination of unnecessary handling and waste and consequent better prices, and by the other the assurance of quality at a fair cost.

The problem which requires attention is the question of the increased consumption of our own fruit. In the year 1925 (1925 figures are not available) over 30,000 boxes of foreign apples alone were consumed in British Columbia, an apple-growing Province. These are all matters of education and must follow its long slow road. In the meantime, the fruit growers with their heavy burden of expense for upkeep, water rates and taxes, cannot wait.

The proposed legislation represents the wishes of the recent convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, the only body representing independent and co-operative growers alike. The desperate situation of the industry requires a drastic measure to be taken.

In conclusion I may say that I represent the Associated Growers of British Columbia Limited, the co-operative organization which markets yearly about 2,000,000 boxes of fruit in addition to vegetables and bulk fruit. I also represent about 600 vegetable growers, some of whom ship through independent and co-operative channels. These growers are vitally interested in the passage of the bill as a measure which may at least point out the way to prosperity for them through a solution of their marketing problems.

**B.C. LIFE COMPANY
TO GET CHARTER**

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Third reading was given in the House to-night to a bill in amended form incorporating the Columbia Life Assurance Company.

The head office of the concern will be in Vancouver.

REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIES

No. 1 Company, 11th Machine Gun Battalion, C.M.G.C.

Parade.—The company will parade on Tuesday, March 1, 1927, at 8 p.m.

Dress—Drill order, 1927.

Notice.—There are a few vacancies for desirable recruits in the company. All particulars as to terms of service, etc., can be obtained at the Orderly Room, at the Drill Hall, on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m., or from any member of the company.

W. A. R. HADLEY, Captain, Commanding No. 1 Company.

Battalion orders part 1, by Major B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C., commanding 1st Battalion (16th C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment, Victoria, B.C., February 24, 1927.

Duties—Duties for the week ending Tuesday, March 8, 1927: Officer for the week, Lieut. J. R. Kingham; next, for duty, Lieut. R. B. Mather.

Battalion Orders, 1927, Supt. J. Robertson, next for duty, Supt. J. Green; Battalion orders, Corp. Corp. C. H. Morrison; next for duty, Corp. G. Heale.

The O.C. No. 2 Company will detail an officer for duty at the minimum range.

Parade.—The battalion will parade at the Drill Hall, Bay Street, on Tuesday next, March 1, at 8.10 p.m. Dress drill order.

Training.—The following syllabus of training will be carried out on Tuesday next: Companies will fall in on their private parade grounds at 8.10 a.m., and inspecting by their commanders and marches on their marksmen on the advance sounding at 8.20 p.m. for inspection by the officer commanding.

8.30 to 9.30 p.m. ceremonial—Infantry training sections 155 to 164.

9.30 to 10 p.m.—Sports for all ranks.

The swimming tanks will be available for use after parade.

D. R. SARGENT.

Major and Adjutant 1st Battalion (16th C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

(a) A lecture will be delivered in the officers' mess on Friday, March 4, by Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., commanding at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Origin and Characteristics of Highland Regiments." Dress: dinner jackets.

(b) The annual memorial service for the men who lost their lives at Pardesberg, South Africa, will take place at the Drill Hall, Bay Street, at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. All ranks have been invited to attend. Dress: service dress.

Attestations.—The undermentioned men having been duly attested are taken from the records of the battalion and posted to companies from the date stated against their names.

No. 508, Pte. B. Drysdale, No. 3, 18-2-27; No. 504, Pte. H. McMillan, No. 3, 21-2-27; No. 505, Pte. A. W. Bradley, No. 3, 21-2-27; No. 506, Pte. J. F. S. Clark, No. 3, 21-2-27; No. 507, Pte. B. Jones, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 508, Pte. J. L. Henslowe, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 509, Pte. P. G. Moody, No. 2, 22-2-27; No. 510, Pte. C. May, No. 2, 22-2-27; No. 511, Pte. F. Quinlan, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 512, Pte. R. Davies, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 513, Pte. J. R. Hall, No. 1, 22-2-27; No. 514, Pte. J. D. Horne, No. 2, 22-2-27; No. 515, Pte. E. Birch-Jones, No. 1, 22-2-27; No. 516, Pte. D. Lewis, No. 2, 22-2-27; No. 517, Pte. S. A. Heron, No. 2, 22-2-27; No. 518, Pte. J. Rowton, No. 1, 22-2-27; No. 519, Pte. F. Young, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 520, Pte. E. H. Massie, No. 4, 22-2-27; No. 521, Pte. G. McNeil, No. 4, 24-2-27; No. 522, Pte. T. P. Horne, No. 3, 24-2-27; No. 523, Pte. C. Wightman, No. 1, 24-2-27; No. 524, Pte. R. Diespecker, No. 1, 24-2-27; No. 525, Pte. J. Rowland, No. 2, 24-2-27; No. 526, Pte. C. H. Sherwood, No. 3, 24-2-27; No. 527, Pte. L. Backler, No. 3, 24-2-27.

Discharges.—The undermentioned men having been granted their discharge are struck off the strength of the battalion from the date stated against their names:

No. 457, L-Corn. H. J. Adams, No. 2, 24-2-27; No. 458, Pte. R. G. Graves, No. 2, 24-2-27; No. 459, Pte. S. G. Bruce, No. 4, 24-2-27; No. 460, Dr. C. Cawdell, H.Q., 24-2-27; No. 175, Dr. W. Paterson, H.Q., 24-2-27; No. 336, Dr. H. Latham, H.Q., 24-2-27; No. 371, Ppr. D. T. Cook, H.Q., 24-2-27.

Promotions and Appointments—No. 426, Corp. G. Turner, No. 4, to Corp. Sargeant, 24-2-27; No. 398, L-Corn. H. Cahedlo, No. 4, to Corp. 24-2-27; No. 426, L-Corp. W. McPherson, No. 4, to Corp. 24-2-27; No. 518, Pte. J. Rowton, No. 1, to Corp. 24-2-27; No. 434, Pte. A. Christie, No. 4, to L-Corp. 24-2-27.

D. R. SARGENT.

Major and Adjutant 1st Battalion (16th C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

(a) It is notified for information that the district officer commanding will inspect the battalion on Tuesday, March 8.

It is requested that all members of the battalion will make a special effort to be present on Tuesday next, March 1, as well as on the date of the General's inspection.

(b) All officers and non-commissioned officers in possession of text books are requested to bring same to the Battalion Orderly Room on Tuesday next, March 1. These books are required for inspection by the general officer commanding and will be returned after March 8.

**Coolidge Signs
Seed Loan Bill**

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Norbeck-
Johnson seed loan bill was signed late
yesterday by President Coolidge.

The measure authorizes use of
\$5,000,000 for grain seed loans to
farmers in Montana and North and
South Dakota suffering from drought.
\$2,500,000 for fertilizer in drought
areas of Georgia, South Carolina and
Western Alabama, and \$600,000 to
rehabilitate sugar cane fields and
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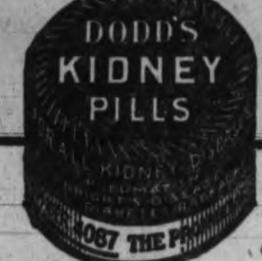
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RADIO NEWS AND BROADCASTS

Light Is Radio!

It Is the Same Wave, But With a Great Difference in Size, Says Scientist

Light is merely radio of extremely short wavelength, declares Dr. Willis R. Whitney, director of the General Electric research laboratories.

"The radio waves which you receive in your set at home are exactly the same characters as light waves," Dr. Whitney writes in the American Magazine. "The only difference is one of wave length.

You know that one radio station transmits on a wave of 400 meters, another on a wave of 360 meters, and so on. But if a broadcasting station were able to send out waves short enough you would see them in the form of light coming from your antenna, instead of hearing them.

"As every radio fan knows, the length of the wave sent out by a broadcasting station depends to a certain extent by the length of the antenna; the shorter the antenna the shorter the wave."

TINIE BROADCASTER.

The shortest antenna ever used to propagate radio waves was composed of two pieces of platinum wire sealed in opposite sides of a glass tube less than a millimeter-about 1/400th of an inch-apart. You can compare this with the wavelength of light, which is 1-30,000th of an inch for the violet, which are the shortest in the spectrum.

The radio station in the atom, which sends out light waves, is indescribably small. Suppose we

take a cubic inch of air and enlarge it until the molecules of which it is composed are the size of atoms of sand.

"How big a beach would these sand-sized molecules make? We would have one 1,000 miles long, a mile wide and three feet deep! And there are several atoms contained in each molecule.

OUTCAST ELECTRONS DO IT.

To sum it all up, light is produced by a radio wave almost instantly short, propagated from an electron which has been electrically kicked away from the nucleus of the atom, and which sets up the electro-magnetic waves by its return to its place just the moment the group of electrons are forced into a wireless antenna produce the much longer wireless electro-magnetic wave."

Light, therefore, being a radio wave, travels at the same speed as a wave from a broadcasting station, or 186,000 miles a second.

Dr. Whitney adds. A radio or light wave could circle the globe seven and one-half times in a second. But a radio or light wave would take three minutes to reach Mars, and one and one-third seconds to reach the moon.

Broadcasting to some of the stars of the Milky Way would require as much as 100,000 years to reach its destination.

The radio station in the atom, which sends out light waves, is indescribably small. Suppose we

ON THE AIR.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CFTC (229.5) Victoria, B.C.
6:30 p.m.—Box Office Review, and weather report and forecast.

CFDF (416.7) Vancouver, B.C.
4:30-5:20 p.m.—Plano recital, 6:10 p.m.—Time signals and announcements.

CFGR (291.2) Vancouver, B.C.
8:50-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CFND (411) Vancouver, B.C.
8:50-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CFRE (516.9) Edmonton, Alta.
9:10-4:5 p.m.—Dance programme by the Sullivan Academy orchestra.

CFRW (384.1) Winnipeg, Man.
8 p.m.—Irvin Dunn and his Jasper Park Lodge dance orchestra.

CFEX (447) Portland, Ore.
5:30 p.m.—Radio code practice, and chat.

6 p.m.—Children's hour.

6:30 p.m.—Congress Hotel dinner music.

8 p.m.—Studio programme.

9 p.m.—Time signals; studio programme.

10:30-12 p.m.—Dance music from Kremers'.

KFPI (467) Los Angeles, Cal.
5:30 p.m.—Dance orchestra and soloists.

6:15 p.m.—Radiotalk.

6:30 p.m.—Billy Cox and his Angelino Aggravators.

8 p.m.—Bell orchestra.

8:30 p.m.—California Federation of Music Clubs programme.

11 p.m.—KFPI midnight frolic.

KFOA (453.5) Seattle, Wash.
4:20-5:30 p.m.—Afternoons at Home; weather report.

6:30 p.m.—Dinner music by Salt and Pepper Boys.

6:30-8:30 p.m.—Cheasty's popular studio programme.

KFON (232.4) Long Beach, Cal.
5:30 p.m.—KFON concert orchestra.

6:30 p.m.—Kalon Music Company piano recital.

6:30-7 p.m.—KFON concert orchestra.

7 p.m.—Pacific Coast Club orchestra.

7:30-8:30 p.m.—Kalon Music band.

9 p.m.—Pacific Club orchestra.

11:12 p.m.—Capitol Theatre organ recital.

KFGW (216) Seattle, Wash.

4:30-7:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

8:30-10 p.m.—Studio programme.

11:12-3:30 a.m.—Gordon Kilbourne's service.

KFWB (232) Hollywood, Cal.

6:30 p.m.—Oakland Six trio.

8 p.m.—Melody Makers and entertainers.

8 p.m.—Monte Motor Oil Company programme.

8:30 p.m.—W. B. singing trio.

10 p.m.—Rainbow Isle orchestra from Mayfair.

11:12 p.m.—Henry Halstead and his orchestra.

KGSS (227) Seattle, Wash.

8:30-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

9:30-11:30 p.m.—Gordon Kilbourne's service.

KFMB (419.5) Spokane, Wash.

7:30 p.m.—Service hour.

8 p.m.—Kathy's.

9 p.m.—Kathy's.

10 p.m.—Kathy's.

11:12 p.m.—Kathy's.

KFQX (416.7) Seattle, Wash.

6:30-9:30 p.m.—Time signals; weather reports and Box Office.

9:30-10:30 p.m.—Special talk for children and musical programme.

10:30-11:30 p.m.—Musical programme.

KJEX (447) Portland, Ore.

6:30-7 p.m.—Dinner concert, concert orchestra.

7:30-9 p.m.—"Where to Go."

10-11 p.m.—"Antlers" Saturday Night Club from the Crystal Rooms of the Elk's Club.

KOIN (319) Portland, Ore.

6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert, concert orchestra.

7:30-9 p.m.—"Where to Go."

10-11 p.m.—"Antlers" Saturday Night Club from the Crystal Rooms of the Elk's Club.

KOJO (391.2) Oakland, Calif.

11:12 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church service.

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IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON CUNARD VESSELS

McKinley Cleared From Yokohama for Victoria Yesterday

C. A. Whitelock, B.C. Manager Announces Changes; Visitor Here

A. A. Whitelock, British Columbia manager of the Canadian Steamship Company, who left yesterday for a tour up the Island, announced a number of improvements which have been made in the Cunard vessels on the Atlantic run.

"Every one of the 600-foot vessels of the Cunard Line, the Frans, the Carib, the Columbia, the Sicilia and the Sicynia are now equipped with hot and cold running water throughout the entire first and second cabin accommodation," said Mr. Whitelock.

"When the Mauretania comes out for her Mediterranean cruise she will have no more berths but will be fitted throughout with beds," he said.

The Aquitania is now one of the finest ships afloat. The rooms are equipped with exceptionally large beds, and the decorations in tapestry and fine woods are extraordinarily attractive. There are no smoking rooms left in the Aquitania, he said.

The Berengaria when she returns to service in March will have as an added feature running hot water throughout the entire saloon accommodation. Very little could be done to improve the staterooms of this steamer as they are already as good as anything afloat, but the addition of hot water puts this steamer in perfect condition.

"Extraordinary efforts have been made to bring our cuisine up to the highest standard possible in ocean transportation, and we sincerely believe that we have reached that point. We are now in a position that offers a la carte service to its passengers without extra charge," he concluded.

Accompanying Mr. Whitelock was R. C. Fothergill, formerly with the company at San Francisco. Mr. Fothergill will be Mr. Whitelock's assistant in Vancouver, and will act in the capacity of passenger agent.

Statesman at Seattle

Seattle, Feb. 26.—Discharging 300 tons of British merchandise, the steamship Statesman of the Harrisson Direct Line arrived here yesterday to take on 2,000 tons of bulk grain.

R. E. Borchgrevink, Puget Sound agent for W. R. Grace & Co., has been promoted to the position of manager of the firm in San Francisco. He will be succeeded here by W. D. Vanderbilt. Fred L. Doekker, traffic manager of Grace & Co., has also been appointed.

COURT CLERKS' FEES CAUSE OF TILT IN ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Toronto, Feb. 26.—"Petty squabbling by lawyers," as a member termed it, provided a flare-up in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon. The House was in committee on a bill presented by Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General, for the purpose of amending the Conditional Sales Act, when W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, and W. E. Raney, Progressive leader, offered strong opposition to a clause which would allow for increases totaling \$15,000 in the fees paid to county court clerks of the province for registering certain legal documents.

The argument swung back and forth across the floor of the House for more than an hour, until George Ferguson, opposed to the tilt taken up with the discussion and declared he had never heard so many "piffing" remarks on such a "trifling" matter.

Mr. Sinclair immediately jumped to his feet with an objection to the Premier's remarks and said he strongly resented being "scolded" by the Premier.

Mr. Raney supported Mr. Sinclair and told the Premier he should not refer to their remarks as "piffing" and that he should exercise a little more patience.

"I have been patient," said Premier Ferguson. "I have listened to you on this trifling matter for more than an hour."

"Well, you can listen for another hour," said Mr. Raney.

The incident then ended and the bill was passed through the committee stage.

Support For Bill to Stimulate Athletic Activity in Ontario

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Hon. Forbes Godfrey's bill for the purpose of amending the Athletic Commission Act received support from all sections of the Legislature yesterday and was given second reading.

Speaking on the measure, Dr. Godfrey, Minister of Health, said its object was to stimulate athletic activity in local centres. In order to do this it would be necessary to provide certain funds for the purpose of paying the expenses of the members of the athletic commission and salaries of their servants and clerks, and it was proposed that every club conducting a professional athletic contest or exhibition should contribute to the commission two per cent of the gross receipts. He estimated that the tax would bring a revenue to the commission of \$18,500 a year.

To Help Sailors — The Victoria branch Ladies' Guild for Sailors will hold a bridge and mah jong party in the hall of the Connaught Seamen's Institute on Monday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. G. B. Clarke and Mrs. R. W. Kerr convening. Players will please bring their own bridge score cards and mah jong sets, and be prepared to begin at 8:15.

Keep Friday, March 4 open for Esquimalt Scottish Daughters' dance at Rex Theatre, Esquimalt. ***

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS

February 25, 2 p.m. Shipping QUINault, Los Angeles for New Westminster, 220 miles from New Westminster.

SELESTIAN, 250 miles south of Estevan, bound Vancouver.

NIAGARA, left Honolulu for Victoria, 117 miles.

YOMI MARU, 1,900 miles from Estevan, bound Vancouver.

ADRIEN CHRISTENSEN, Richmond for Portland, 287 miles from Columbia River.

TOSCA, bound Tacoma, crossed bar, 4:39 p.m.

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DIAMOND RUSH IS
DECLARED PROTESTPremature Staking in Transvaal Reported Result of
Hiring of Sprinters

London, Feb. 26.—How the South African Government will deal with the situation caused by illegal diamond rush to peg claims on the Grasfontein farm in the Transvaal yesterday is not known here, but no one is ready to suggest a solution other than that the mining commission that the rush be declared illegal and new one organized.

12,000 of the 17,000 excited peggers got away to a premature start.

SPRINTERS HIRED
Various reports have reached here as to what caused the false start. One says it was preconceived as a protest against the method of rushing, which has often been denounced as unfair in giving advantage to syndicates whose wealth enables them to hire trained sprinters for the work of pegging.

The London "Daily Express" report is that the stampede possibly was due to the impatience of the crowd after a miserable night of rain, which flooded the whole district and swamped the huts in which the diggers had camped. Among the "peggers" were Olympic sprinters noted cross-country runners from the Transvaal and Natal, and some women athletes hired at big fees by syndicates anxious to secure large tracts of what is reported to be extremely rich diamond land.

THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS
The false start was witnessed by thousands of persons who had gathered in the belief it would be the last opportunity to see a diamond rush, for it is believed the Government would be successful in its efforts to secure control over the diamond deposits in the country.

DEMONSTRATIONS AT HANGCHOW
Reports received here from Hangchow, recently occupied by Cantonese, stated labor demonstrations were taking place there to-day and anti-British posters were being placed about the city.

Stray shells which fell into the French concession on February 22 while a Cantonese gunboat was attempting to strike the Northerners' arsenal at the outer edge of Shanghai formed the basis of a protest by the foreign legations at Peking to the Chinese Foreign Office there. The protest pointed out the French re-served the right to claim compensation for the damage done.

**C.N.R. Refunding
Bill is Prepared**
The funeral of Ebenezer B. H. Vinall, who died at the residence of his son, William H. Vinall, of 771 King's Road, last Thursday, will take place on Monday at 11 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, Rev. N. E. Smith officiating. The body will be buried at the Ross Bay Cemetery. Mr. Vinall is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, one brother and two sisters. He was sixty-three years of age, born in England and a resident of this city for twelve years.

OBITUARY

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A measure for the refunding of certain maturing financial obligations of the Canadian National Railways totaling approximately \$20,000,000 will be introduced at this session of Parliament, — legislation, which will be brought down by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways, will authorize the issuance of substituted securities guaranteed by Canada as to principal and interest.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ward One Saanich Liberal Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, February 26, at 8 o'clock, at Cedar Hill School.

First Spiritualist Church.—At First Spiritualist Church, 724 Fort Street to-morrow, Mrs. Florence Wiffen of Victoria will be the speaker. Mrs. Phillips will be the soloist.

Ward One Saanich Liberal Association will meet on Monday, February 26, at 8 p.m., in the Cedar Hill schoolhouse, for the purpose of electing officers for the year.

J. J. Maloney will address a meeting on the subject, "What is Meant by the Mark of Man," in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, March 2, at 8 o'clock. A special invitation is extended to all the young people of the city.

Under the caption, "Eugene O'Neill," Prof. F. H. Wilcox, A.B., Ph.D. of the Department of English of the University of British Columbia, will speak on the life of this contemporary dramatist at the next meeting of the University Extension Association to be held on Thursday at Victoria College.

Probates and administration on the Supreme Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, next Wednesday evening, a social will be held to which all Foresters and their friends are invited. On Friday evening, the committee will continue, they are holding a new carnival in their ballroom.

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Plans for the marketing of farm products, planned at various meetings of East Sooke and Metchosin farmers, will come up for discussion at a public meeting to be held in the Sooke Hall at 8 p.m., on March 1. The movement, which originated with the East Sooke Farmers' Institute, has as its objective the organization of a marketing scheme on a district scale, comprising Sooke, Otter Point, Saseenos, North and East Sooke, Rocky Point and Metchosin.

The Native Daughters of British Columbia, Post No. 3, will hold a social party in the Saxe of England Hall, corner of Broad Street and Trounce Alley, on Tuesday evening, March 1, at 8:15 o'clock. The committee in charge is sparing no effort to make the affair an enjoyable occasion. Many tables have already been taken and further reservations may be made through the proprietors, Mrs. McConell, 3223 or M.R. Meas, 7443. The post horses/materials to augment its funds for work undertaken along benevolent and philanthropic lines.

Walter McRae, so often called

"The Apostle of Canadianism," will give an evening on "Canadian Poets" before the Royal Society of St. George, on Tuesday evening next, March 1, in the Conservative Club rooms, Campbell Building. Mr. McRae will give the evening address.

At the close of the address, Mr. McRae will call upon Mr. G. D. Robertson, poet and author, to speak on "The Canadian Poet."

There are forty voices in the choir, of which Jackson Hanby is the director.

I know of no member of the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency who failed to appear as witness before the Royal Customs Commission when called upon to do so," stated Mr. Maynard, "and I am at a loss to explain why Mr. Rowell included the Amalgamated in the list of 'absconding' companies. We are and were ready at all times to appear as witnesses."

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NATIVE SONS ELECT
OFFICERS FOR YEAR

W. H. Kinsman Made Chief Factor at Annual Meeting
Last Night

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Post No. 1, Native Sons of British Columbia, last night, W. H. Kinsman was elected to direct the activities of the local lodge for the year. The meeting was held in the Victoria Clubrooms, Campbell Building.

The officials elected were: Vice-factor, George Gardner; Chaplain, Rev. B. D. Dinsdale; historian, C. F. Pemberton; treasurer, Dr. Stanley Miles; secretary, Robert H. Hockings; inside sentinel, J. Isham; auditor, Robert Thompson, and trustees, F. Waller (chairman), William N. Kennedy and William Lorimer.

Bruce A. McElveen of Vancouver, grand chief factor of the Native Sons of British Columbia, spoke on the history of the organization, and gave a brief and interesting outline of the work of the Native Sons of British Columbia.

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IN OUR CHURCHES

DAK BAY UNITED MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Dr. A. M. Sanford Will be Preacher Sunday

The first anniversary of the amalgamation of the St. Columba and Gambier United churches, will be celebrated on Sunday and Monday, March 6 and 7.

On Sunday Dr. A. M. Sanford, principal of Columba College, New Westminster, will preach at both services. Dr. Sanford will deliver a strong message dealing with the current problems of the church.

On Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m. Dr. Barton will continue last Wednesday's health lecture, his subject on this occasion being "Observations From the Eyes."

Weekly Sunday School Lesson

MAKING THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for February 27, Making the Community Christian. Galatians v.13-25.

By WM. E. GILROY, D.D.

The lessons thus far this year have dealt with making individuals Christian and making homes Christian. If we could make individuals and homes Christian, we should have gone far toward making the community Christian. There are, however, of course, times when there are problems of society that have to be worked out by expert leadership and by good will, in accordance with social and economic law and with sound political ideals.

It is a mistake to suppose that we can establish a Christian society merely by making the individuals in society Christian; that is a necessary foundation, but upon that foundation we must build intelligence and will. The disposition of the members of a family to desire a home, and to live congenially in the home, will not in itself construct a home. There must be arrangement and planning. The home builder needs the help of the architect.

It is true that the beauty of home life in its spiritual relationships may make a home preferable to a palace, and people content to live in huts would never have an ideal home life.

FOO MUCH EFFICIENCY

"Efficiency" is an over-worked word to-day. Often it is almost entirely materialistic in its consideration. But true efficiency is a very intimate and proper relationship to spiritual life.

There is a considerable warrant for the protest that some have made against Charles Kingsley's counsel to a young girl, "Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever." It is unduly handicapping goodness to suggest that goodness and cleverness can be safely separated. The world needs a great deal more goodness, but it needs goodness associated with efficiency and cleverness, if we are to work out the world's problems wisely and effectively and thus build up Christian communities.

Probably it was this that Paul had in mind when he admonished the early Christians to "work out

indications the largest number in the history of the church will be present at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Sipprell, president of the Victoria Presbytery, will bring greetings from the presbytery. This will be followed by a programme of instrumental and vocal music.

The address of the evening will be delivered by Dean Quanton on "Old faces and the new knowledge." Everybody should hear the dean on this most interesting and instructive subject.

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ST. PAUL'S HOLDS LENTEN SERVICES

To Start on Ash Wednesday, March 2; Passion History Told

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AT THE THEATRES

"PALS FIRST" IS SCREEN VEHICLE AT PLAYHOUSE NOW

Twenty years ago Edwin Carewe was a tramp. To-day he is known as one of the foremost directors and producers in the film industry. And he is proud of his tramp experience.

The day he spent on the road proved valuable to him in his direction of "Pals First," now showing at the Playhouse Theatre here. The story has one episode which deals with the life of a tramp, and the human and intimate touches Carewe interpolated which occurred to him during his "Weary Willies" days.

He made the First National picture much more colorful than it otherwise might have been by the inclusion of these incidents. Lloyd Hughes, George Cooper and Alice B. Francis play the roles of the tramps in "Pals First" and were coached by Carewe in the lore of bobodom.

Much of the sordidness surround-

Where To Go To-night

Columbia—"The Two-Gun Man." Capitol—"So's Your Old Man." Dominion—"The Kid Brother." Variety—"Private Izzy Murphy." Coliseum—"Good Gracious Peggy." Playhouse—"Wanted a Husband." Crystal Garden—Dancing and Swimming.

the usual tramp biography was alleviated by Carewe's method in directing this story.

Dolores del Rio plays the leading feminine role, and others in the cast are Edward G. Robinson, George Read and Muttie Peters.

COLISEUM COMEDIAN WAS FLYING CORPS MAN DURING WAR

"Tommy" Howard, comedian who plays the part of the hunched husband with the Desmond players, was a lieutenant in the flying corps during the war and won the Military Cross. He is making a decided hit with the Victoria audiences and evokes screams of laughter.

HAROLD LLOYD IN "THE KID BROTHER" IS DOMINION HIT

Analysts of Harold Lloyd's success have attributed it in a measure to the fact that "he never forgets." The noted screen comedian is known to carry an idea around in his mind for years before he finally found a place for it in one of his pictures.

The following story going the Hollywood rounds is further proof that Lloyd has a remarkably tenacious memory. About two years ago, while training his first two-reelers after adopting the tortoise-shelled rims, Lloyd watched one of his associates on the Hal Roach lot performing as a card sharp. The boy's performance made a great impression on the spectators, and he watched him for nearly half an hour.

In the course of filming his current Paramount release, "The Kid Brother," a man was needed as the "barker" for a medicine show. When

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VICTORIA DAILY TIMES, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1927

Pick Boston And Montreal For Finals

Ottawa And Rangers Passed Up By Critics

Ottawa Not Pleased at Team Being Discredited; Critics Think They Will "Blow" Like They Did Last Year; Herb Gardiner, of Canadiens, Formerly With Calgary, May Win Hart Trophy for Being Most Valuable Player, as Well as the Byng Trophy for Best Sportsman; Has Transformed Canadiens; Tremendous Crowds

By ED. BAKER

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Any doubt which may have existed about the teams likely to qualify for the National Hockey League play-off series were almost entirely dispelled by results this week, which leave the three leaders in each section fairly secure in their positions.

Newsy Lalonde's New York Americans losing to Canadiens in Montreal last Saturday and to the Black Hawks in Chicago on Wednesday dropped almost out of contention in the Canadian section and, while there is quite a margin between New York Rangers, Boston and Chicago, in the American section, neither Pittsburgh nor Detroit appears to have much chance of getting up, since only a few games remain to be played.

Already the critics throughout the circuit are marking their selections for the N.H.L. final, which carries with it the honor of championship of the world, and, strange to say, appear, many have picked Boston Bruins to represent the United States division and Montreal Maroons as the Canadian division representatives. Outside of New York and Ottawa the Rangers and Senators, leaders in their respective divisions, have not been given a call.

HARD TO EXPLAIN

It is difficult to understand why the critics are passing up the Rangers and Senators, especially the latter, who have not lost a game this season to the Maroons, having won two and tied the other two of the four games already played. In fact, the Maroons have not even scored on the Senators this season.

The Senators have won four successive games from the Canadiens, runners-up in the Canadian division, and the Frenchmen have won all of their games with the Maroons. In view of this record the only conclusion one can reach is that the Senators are expected to "blow" the Byng trophy in the N.H.L. He may be adjudged both the most valuable and most sportsmanlike player in the league.



HERB GARDINER
This sterling defence man of the Canadiens, who formerly played with Calgary, is being played for both the Hart and Byng trophies in the N.H.L. He may be adjudged both the most valuable and most sportsmanlike player in the league.

Gyros And S.O.E. To Play For "B" Men's Title This Evening

Exciting Game Anticipated: Three Other Tussles on Programme

The candidates for the Hart cup and the Lady Byng trophy are also receiving considerable attention. The Hart cup is for the player adjudged the most useful to his team during the season and the Lady Byng trophy is for the player adjudged to have exhibited the best type of sportsmanship combined with a high standard of playing ability. Two special editors in each of the 12 cities for the winter Stanley Cup in view of the fact that they have beaten Boston two of the three games already played between the two teams and have won three out of four from the Rangers with the fourth game a tie. The Senators have also won two out of the three games against Chicago. If a team can such a record does not lay over all opposition then Herod's pride doesn't outclass Dad Quick.

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Whether the Gyros or Sons of England represent Victoria in the men's "B" basketball championship of the British Columbia depends on the outcome of the game between these teams to-night at the Y.M.C.A. They will meet in the opening game of a four-game card.

The Gyros are the "C" champion-

ship and earned the right to play off with the Sons of England, winners of the "B" division, for the "B" title.

The Sons have a very strong team which has played some good games this year. The Gyros showed a wonderful fighting spirit in their division. The game is expected to prove a thriller.

FOUR SENIOR TEAMS

Four of the teams in the Senior "A" League will be in action to-night. Jordan River's famous team will come to town for a game with the James Bay, while the Sons of Canada will play the C.P.S. No matter how these games go the standing of Jordan River at the top will not be affected.

After a rush by Ports, Davis scored from right wing.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—Portland Rosebuds went down to defeat last night in their game with the Ex-Kings. George High School hockey team of the Vancouver senior amateur league, 6-4. The locals outscored the Buds three to two in the first period and two to one in the second. Each team scored a counter in the final period. The game was fast and interesting. The scorers for the Rosebuds were Gagnon and Osmundsen. Lowell played a fine game for the visitors.

Many Swimmers Send In Names For Water Marathon in East

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Besides Les-Jeanne McCusker of Boston, Norman Ross of Chicago and Tommy Walker of Toronto, have all signified their intention of competing in the swim from Youngstown, N.Y., to Toronto next Labor Day, if the event is held. This time and place was suggested in a letter from which G. J. Brooks of Toronto, has placed on deposit \$25,000 with which William Wrigley Jr. has backed George Young, winner of the Catalina swim, in a marathon race against all comers. William Wrigley is now considering Mr. Brooks' proposal.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Michael Hamberg who is blind has announced his intention of challenging George Young's swimming supremacy. He will go into intensive training with the object of entering the proposed cross-the-lake swim in the fall. He is guided by a buzzer on a boat which precedes him.

CANADA AND JAPAN SEND CHALLENGES FOR DAVIS TROPHY

New York, Feb. 26.—The list of 1927 challengers for the Davis Cup, international tennis trophy, were brought to eighteen to-day by the entry of Japan and Canada in the American zone of competition.

Canada first competed for the cup in 1913 and after the lapse due to the World War re-entered in 1920. Japan gained the distinction of reaching the challenge round against the United States in its first attempt in 1921.

DELANEY IN SERIOUS WAY

Minneapolis, Feb. 26.—Jimmy Delaney, St. Paul light heavyweight, is in a serious condition at a hospital here following an operation to remove a tumor, broken in a fight with Benny Roos at Buffalo last Monday night. Blood poison entered and Delaney's condition was so serious to-day that it was believed a second operation would be necessary to check the infection. He is twenty-six years old.

Prince George Have Winning Punch And Turn Back Colonist

Interior Boys Intermediate Hockey Champs; Score Only Goals in Last Period

Fort William Defeat Port Arthur After Sidetracking Rules Regarding Overtime

Revelstoke, Feb. 26.—Prince George last night won the intermediate amateur hockey championship of the Province by defeating the Colonist of Victoria by 2-0 in the final game of the play-off series. The title was decided on a sudden death game instead of the scheduled two games, total goals to count, the teams agreeing to the single encounter.

The two teams battled on even terms during the first and second periods, not a goal being scored.

In the third period, R. Nehring, taking a pass from W. Nehring, scored the winning goal for the first tally of the night after five minutes of play. Before the period ended T. Johnson added another for Prince George.

SPLENDID GAME

The game was the best seen here in years. Victoria made many valiant attempts to score, but were not always successful. Stanyar, for the Colonist, played a great game. Temple, Fitzsimmons and Reid were very fast, and Straith in goal made many spectacular saves.

The play was clean throughout, although there was some fighting in the last period. T. Johnson took three of these for Prince George, and McCallister, Reid and Straith for Victoria.

The ice was far from fast.

LINUP

P. George Position: Colonist
Goals: Straith
Defence: Green
T. Johnson... Defence: Goodacre
J. Johnson... Forward: Temple
R. Uehring... Forward: Stanyar
W. Nehring... Forward: Reid
T. Taylor... Sub: McAdam
Corless... Sub: Fitzsimmons

SUMMARY

First period—No score; no penalties.

Second period—No score; penalties.

Third period—1. Prince George, R. Nehring from W. Nehring, 5:06; 2. Prince George, T. Johnson, 15:00.

Sheffield, Que., Feb. 26.—Irish-Canadians, champions of the Sherbrooke-St. Jean-de-la-Lande League, eliminated the Montreal Royals in the elimination contest for the intermediate championship when they handed out a 3-0 defeat to the visitors in a rather slow game played here last night.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Newmarket last night defeated St. Michael's College, 1-0, in the first of a two-game series in the semi-final round of the junior Ontario Hockey Association series.

Over Sound, Ont., Feb. 26.—Owen Sound Juniors last night administered a 4-0 defeat to the Kitchener team in the first of a two-game semi-final series of the junior Ontario Hockey Association.

Port Arthur, Feb. 26.—Port Arthur and Fort William played out the regular schedule last evening in a game won by Port William, 5-4, after the C.A.H.A. playing rules had been sidetracked by mutual consent of all concerned. Ten minutes of overtime was played without result, and both sides agreed that the first tally in the middle stanza.

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CHAPTER XL

At last she went to the kitchen like the little maid. "I'm come to anyone. Not a soul said tremulously. "I've had us. I may have to go out of night."

Edith came rubbing against her, looking down at him with eyes.

must look after the cat for me," said, "just till Miss Vasher comes."

Edith was home already. Miss Vasher said she thought the home early this morning.

Edith did not care. Her life here ended, she knew; she would have to drift henceforth.

Edith went to her room and began to take some clothes out of drawers. She could make no sense, could not think; she only knew that she must get away, and as soon as possible. If Edith Gaunt had seen Buddy, of course Nicholas would have nothing but then he would come to her, and in her weak, overwrought state she did not trust herself to see him again.

She began to pack a trunk, then gave it up and sat down on the side of the bed helplessly.

Out in the little hall she heard voices, indignant voices, and then a knock at her bedroom door.

"Who is it?"

The door opened and Dolores came in.

She looked tired and untidy. She still wore traveling clothes, but her hair was rough and unkempt.

"The girl tried to keep me out," she explained, "but I wasn't being kept out." She came across to Jennifer and put her arms round her. "You poor soul! I don't know what to say to you."

Jennifer shivered. "Don't say anything. I'm going away. Oh, please don't say anything!" she broke out, almost wildly.

Dolores sat down beside her; she looked white and worried.

"I've been traveling all night to see you, Edith. I'm sorry. She broke off to resume more quietly.

"After all, it's my fault. I brought her up. Have you seen her, Jennifer?"

"She came her last night, but I did not see her. Nicholas Gaunt was here and Edith was away."

Jennifer laughed mirthlessly.

"I suppose it's only natural," she wrung her hands. "The terrible part of it is that I'm innocent of what they accuse me of, quite ac-

"Of course you are," Dolores quipped her strange colored hair back from her forehead with a fierce little gesture. "I never had any doubts about it at all myself, even though that woman, that Mrs. Jilly, was so sure."

Jennifer gave a stifled cry.

"Mrs. Jilly! What has she to do with it?"

Dolores explained. "We were staying in Porth. I thought I told you. It rained and we took shelter in her cottage. Your photograph was on the mantelshelf. Of course, Buddy saw it, and then it all came out. You know, I think Nicholas, so woman said, and apparently he told her you were his wife."

"I wish I were! I wish I were!"

Dolores said brokenly.

Dolores glanced at her with compassionate eyes and quickly away.

"Men are all alike," she said sincerely. "One knows why we love them or bother about them at all. They make all the trouble there is in life. Look at my Buddy! It hadn't been for the way Malcolm played around with her, none of this would ever have happened."

I'm exasperated. I don't think that's enough for her for the way she's behaved to you. I think she's gone mad, rushing away from me and up here, making trouble like this."

"She went to see Malcolm and told him . . ."

"I know. She's seen Edith too, but I've stopped Edith coming round here. I went there first this morning, directly I got to London."

Jennifer had her face in her hands.

"Of course she believes it all!"

She caught up the cat who had followed her into the room and, with another word, carried him away.

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Jennifer stayed where she was. Her head was splitting and her thoughts were chaotic. Buddy was Dolores' chief trouble, she said, and she admitted, nothing surprised her now.

Edith Gaunt meant to sue for divorce, and more than a year ago she had threatened Nicholas to do so. Well, that didn't surprise her either. Life was horrible, a discord of ugly sounds when it might have been such perfect harmony and beauty.

Nicholas had consented to give up seeing her on condition that Edith made no further inquiries. Was that the truth?

Jennifer found herself saying aloud, "He might have told me. If he had, he would have made all the difference."

"Understand?"

"Buddy's my child," Dolores said definitely.

"Oh!"

The elder woman laughed. "Are you shocked? No, I don't believe you are." She caught Jennifer's hand and pressed it hard. "Now why would I ever want to be rid of her, and you? I don't want you to be too hard on her. Goodbye! I'll take Nicodemus with me."

Presently she rose and went on with her packing. To get away, to escape from them all, was her one thought, the one thing, she knew she would do.

She wrote to the landlord, enclosing a check for three months' rent and saying she was giving up the flat.

When her little maid came to say good-night to her, she gave her a month's wages in advance and dismissed her.

"But you're coming back, Miss (Advt.)

aren't you?" the girl appealed in distress.

"I don't know. If I do, I'll write to you."

When she had gone Jennifer sent the porter for a taxicab and had her luggage taken downstairs.

"Shall you be away for long, Miss?" the man asked curiously.

"I don't know. It all depends."

"You will leave, an address for letters, Miss?"

Jennifer hesitated. "I'll send you one when I'm settled."

She got into the cab and drove away. The porter stood looking after her with wise eyes. "Not coming back, that's a certainty," he told himself, with conviction. He was a man of experience. "What's the matter?"

"more" he added in his mind as the girl turned the corner and vanished.

"what's more, she wants watching or my name's not Smith." He voiced this opinion aloud to Chesney when an hour later, he found him hammering on Jennifer's door.

"Miss Fry went away about six o'clock, sir."

"Went away? Did she say where she was going?"

"She said she didn't leave one when she was settled."

"And . . . did she take much luggage?"

"A goodish deal," Smith admitted, and then he added, "And she looked ill, too, sir, if I may say so. Ill, as Jennifer had gone.

It was not until Jennifer was stepping into the taxicab, and the driver asked "Where shall I drive to, Miss?" that a realization of her own loneliness came home to her.

Where could she drive to?

For a moment her heart seemed to stand still in frightened amazement. Why was it that in the years of her life she had never seemed to make one real friend?

Even in the old days, before her father and mother died, she had been singularly alone.

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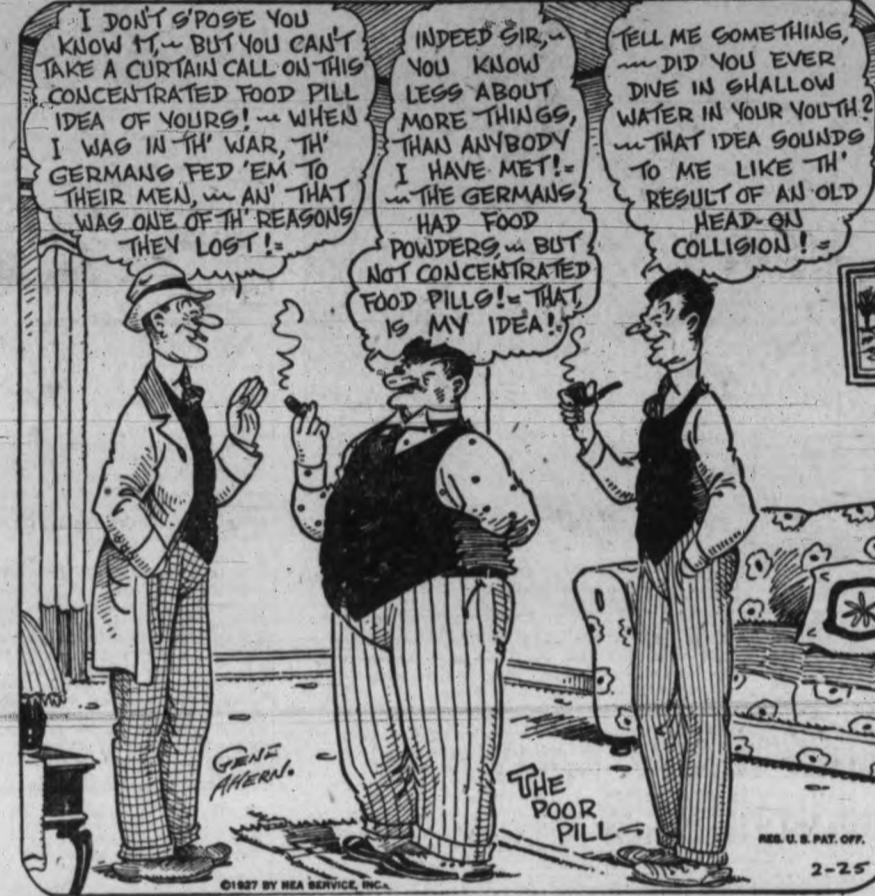
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CROSSING RACES ARE NEVER TIES

Automobile Drivers Must Beat Train to it or be Wrecked

There is one particular form of contest, popular among certain gentry, in which, though technically it often ends in a tie, one party to the competition always loses.

Automobile drivers may race a locomotive to a grade crossing, and both may arrive the same time—so that the race is a dead heat; yet those who subsequently clear way the wreckage, know very well that the driver really lost, and the driver himself knows it, too—if he will only look at the stakes in such a case.

And when the stakes in such a contest are in a true sport—contests one party loses the acclaim of the multitude and perhaps also the championship—a bauble that may possibly be regained at the next meeting. In a

race to a grade crossing, however, two stakes are involved.

The automobile driver, if he wins, saves himself the trouble of shifting gears, and he also saves thirty seconds of time, in the case of a passenger train, or perhaps two minutes if the train is a freight. If he ties, he is almost sure to lose his life.

When an automobile driver starts to race a locomotive to the crossing, he must race as well as drive to the world that he doesn't consider his life to be worth very much.

The next time you are tempted to try to save a few seconds by racing to the crossing, don't forget that in case of a tie you lose.

Steering Gear Efficiency

The steering apparatus should be frequently lubricated during the cold months. When it is found that the wheels is difficult to turn, the cause is dry and sluggish lubrication.

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AUTOMOBILE SPEED IS VERY DECEPTIVE

With Disconnected Speedometer Driver Makes Surprising Test

The car you are driving is probably capable of a speed of from sixty to seventy miles an hour—but you can't use this speed for any length of time without flirting with the angels. The modern highway, while built like a speedway, isn't necessarily as good as the race track.

Therefore, the driver who speeds must always make frequent and sharp braking stops which cuts down his average time to a minimum.

His speed is far below that of the driver who maintains a steady pace hour after hour.

What is speeding? Since it is the primary cause of a majority of all automobile accidents, isn't it about time that it is plainly defined?

A great many motorists think that about motoring, when the speedometer hangs close to twenty miles an hour. Yet speeding can happen at any speed.

One driver has discovered that much can be learned about speeding by driving the car with the speedometer disconnected. For the test he secured the services of a friend who followed him over a prescribed course, in another car.

SURPRISING RESULTS

The driver with the disconnected speedometer proceeded just as he would under normal conditions, and then checked up with the actual speed record, as noted by the friend following him. The results were surprising. Invariably, he drove from five to fifteen miles an hour faster than he thought he was going.

An interesting thing happened on one of these tests. The sudden appearance of another car, turning out from a crossroad, called for the quickest possible stop. The driver without a speedometer actually failed to stop in time to avoid a collision just because he thought he was stopping quickly enough, and never bothered to reach for the emergency brake until it was too late!

The experiment showed plainly that the average driver cannot guess his speed, and that he probably goes faster than he thinks. It shows that a car driver is speeding whenever his conception of a safe stopping distance is less than the actual stopping distance.

WINTER INSPECTION ESSENTIAL

Periodical inspection of all nuts and bolts on the car is essential during Winter months. There should be free play in all connections, and all cotter pins should be in first-class condition.

WHITE IS THE DANGER COLOR



Standing out against the black of the night, the white slickers of the Berkeley, Calif., traffic cops can't be mistaken for anything else. Here's L. B. Browning of the traffic force, showing how effective the white slicker is in attracting attention.

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN OIL FILTRATION

Removable Cartridge on Oil Filter Very Handy: Minimizes Repair Bills

Looking under the hoods of the representative cars this year, one will see evidence of a new and far-reaching development in the addition of devices for the filtration of crankcase oil.

An automobile engine, running at average speed, circulates the oil in the crankcase from 100 to 150 times an hour. Dirt, sludge, etc., consisting of finely divided particles, ranging from two to five-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and which is found to be iron dust, steel, brass, aluminum, silica (or road dust), hard

carbon and core sand, collects in the oil filter unless excessive wear of the cylinders, pistons, bearings, etc.

The oil filter removes this dirt, sludge, metal particles and other foreign matter.

Even though the oil is cleaned frequently it becomes contaminated almost immediately unless an oil filter is used, as only by continuous filtration can the oil be kept clean, eliminating excessive engine wear, frequent changing, as well as minimizing repair bills and oil expense.

When the filtering unit has become filled with dirt, sludge, etc., it has taken from the oil, a new cartridge may be installed, as each oil filter equipped car has a tag attached to the filter telling how it can be tested to make sure that it is functioning properly.

An easily skidding car should be driven slowly and the brakes applied intermittently. The car that is a "chronic skidder" should have its brakes thoroughly inspected and equalized.



How to Trace Car Noises

When we have an ache or pain we know that some part or organ of our body is out of order, and if we are wise we see about removing the cause without delay. If we were not for the warning given by the ache or pain we would not know that anything were wrong until the disease was so far advanced that it might be incurable.

An automobile gives us warning that something is wrong, by noises of various kinds. It may be a squeak, squeak, rattle, thump or knock. We know that normally when the car runs with a smooth, purring, practically noiseless motion, that everything is OK, but when we hear a squeak or rattle it is a warning that something requires adjusting, replacing, tightening or lubricating.

Squeaks are invariably due to lack of lubrication and come from such parts as dry spring leaves, shackle bushings, wheel bearings, steering gear connections, etc. If the cause of the squeak is located and the bearing lubricated, the trouble will be cured, and not only will the squeak be stopped, but the life of the bearing will be several thousand miles more than it will be if it is allowed to run dry. When bearing becomes dry and gets up a squeak, it wears very rapidly, and in a short time we have a rattle added to the squeak. When the rattle stage is reached, lubricating will do little good and the bearing must be replaced.

Very often squeaks are caused by loose body bolts, floor boards, running boards, fenders, etc. These can usually be located very easily by someone standing on one of the running boards and rocking the body from side to side, while you listen where the squeaks or rattles come from.

Sometimes body squeaks can be eliminated by squirming some oil between the joints before tightening the body bolts. Loose body bolts holding the fenders to the frame are responsible for a great amount of noise. If the fenders are struck with the edge of a doubled up fist, you can determine at once if there is any noise coming from them.

When the brake linings become worn badly and the rivets protrude above the top of the lining, the brakes will squeal badly when applied. This will also cause the brake drums to be scored and will, in a short time, groove them so badly that they will require refacing or replacing.

Most squeaks or rattles can be eliminated with a few drops of oil or grease or the tightening up of loose bolts and nuts. About once a month the tightness of every nut should be tested, and grease forced through every bearing until it comes out clean and clear.

USED CAR WORRIES MANY IN BRITAIN

Form Organization to Combat Price-cutting But Competition Intervenes

"It it were not for the competition of foreign makes driving our manufacturers to give their agents 'service' discounts, cars would be catalogued at lower prices, second-hand cars would bring proportionately higher prices, and the trade would have less occasion to quarrel about price-cutting and party-exchange values," says H. Thornton Reuter in discussing, in the London Telegraph, the used car problem in England.

The American car invasion, he explains, led to the offer of a larger discount to dealers than the customary ten per cent hitherto allowed by British manufacturers, and these discounts of fifteen to twenty-five per cent from the American side were generally met by the English.

He also says that these discounts not only caused the second-hand values to fall to a very low and uncertain figure, but it also encouraged the trader to volunteer to do work for nothing during the first year on the cars he sold, which he termed "service."

DID NOT STABILIZE PRICES

If a buyer took a car without service, he paid the list price, but received a rebate in cash. The Motor Trade Association, in the former case, combat price-cutting, but it did not stabilize second-hand prices, because, to quote Mr. Reuter, "competition for orders, as the number of motor agents increased, made individual dealers adopt an obvious method of defeating the M.T.A., while getting nominally the full list price."

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BEET SUGAR NOW TAKES BIG LEAD ON CANE PRODUCT

Denver, Colo., Feb. 26.—American sugar now means beet sugar.

To-day practically all sugar extracted from continental America crops is produced in eighty-nine beet sugar factories. Less than seven per cent comes from the old cane plantations of Louisiana, the last stronghold of the passing sugar.

Recent estimates for the 1926-27 crop year show an output of 935,000 tons of refined sugar extracted from beets in the United States, as compared with a probable 67,850 tons from Louisiana cane, a loss of more than fifty-one per cent from Louisiana's 1926 sugar production of 913,000 tons.

In spite of beet crop difficulties, chiefly in California and Utah, the beet sugar estimate of 935,000 tons for this year represents an increase of 2.7 per cent over the 1925-26 sugar production of 913,000 tons.

COLORADO LEADS INDUSTRY

In Colorado, a faint dot on the beet map of America, a state of its size, now leads the states of the union for the crop year 1926-27 with an estimated production of 356,000 tons of sugar, extracted from about 3,000,000 tons of sugar beets grown on 225,000 acres.

Michigan is second, according to estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture, with 175,000 tons of beet sugar, although Nebraska is forging toward second place with 160,000 tons of sugar. California and Utah, once

vigorous contenders, have practically dropped out this crop year because of beet diseases.

Allocation of beet sugar factories is as follows: Colorado sixteen, Michigan sixteen, Utah fifteen, Idaho seven, Nebraska six, California five, Ohio four, Wyoming four, Wisconsin three, Montana three, Iowa two and other states six, making eighty-nine in all. Three new factories are being built in South Dakota, Montana and Nebraska.

The sugar story is comparatively simple. The beet plant combines air and water through the juice of its leaves into sugar, which is stored in the root. The factories wash and slice the beets, extract the juice by a diffusion process, then purify and refine the juice to such a point that it can be boiled into crystals and spun through centrifugal machines into the white, granulated sugar of commerce.

HOW SUGAR IS MADE

There are three products of a beet sugar factory: First, sugar, second, molasses, the last discarded juice has been worked over to such an extent that no further sugar can be extracted profitably; third, beet pulp. Molasses and pulp are excellent stock feed. Dried beet pulp is intermediate feed for horses, goes as far east as Boston and south to Atlanta.

Utilization of molasses for purposes more profitable than feeding and producing alcohol is now being accomplished by the new refinery erected at Johnstown, Colo.

This factory, the only one of its kind in the world, recycles sugar profitably from molasses discarded from other plants. The opening of the Johnstown mill in 1926 was considered by sugar authorities one of the most significant steps of recent years in the industry. A similar plant is under construction at Lyman, Neb.

Government chemists and college research bureaus claim that there is no difference between beet and cane sugars for any purpose.

RAIL GIANTS IN BIG COLLISION



The climax of years of struggle between railway kings for transportation mastery in the Northeast was reached recently, says news reports, in announcement that the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio and Van Sweringen lines had gained control of the Wheeling and Lake Erie and the Western Maryland.

These two relatively small roads are of great value as connecting or "feeder" lines. Analysts regard the coup as a blow at the Pennsylvania system and at merger plans of L. F.

"newsies."

SURPLUS CAPITAL CAUSE OF BIG MARKET ADVANCE

New York, Feb. 25.—The rise in the stock market to new high levels has been due to various reasons, the main one being the vast amount of capital seeking investment, particularly in high-grade common stocks. The rise has been helped by the large short interest and easy money.

The active demand for copper shares, starting only this week, is inspired by expectations of higher metal prices and the belief that these shares are behind the general market.

The advance in rails during the last year has revealed that a vast amount of stocks have been taken out of the street and locked up in strong boxes.

Formation of a reality subsidiary, shares of which will be given to common stockholders in the form of a stock dividend, is understood to be under discussion by the directors of Budd and Company. This would involve a \$32,000,000 deal.

Crude oil production announced Tuesday by leading companies in the mid-continent field were the cause of revision of prices in many cases. The oils having disappointed a little, numbers of brokers are turning to the sugars and coppers as groups that have not shared in the advance and that therefore may afford speculative profits which otherwise would go to the policyholders.

John H. Stevens, Vancouver, says the object of the larger capital was to enable the company to extend to other provinces.

Another change made by the committee eliminated a provision that not more than two calls be made in any one year on the shareholders.

ROE JOINS MEHAREY IN NEW STOCK AND BOND DEPARTMENT

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—The trade report of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited, for the week ending to-day, follows:

Mr. John Wholesalers generally report trade during the last week as just fair. Retail trade slow. Collections satisfactory.

Montreal.—A very fair amount of trading is reported by wholesale grocers with a substantial increase in sales of dry goods. A good volume of business is being transacted by clothing, men's furnishings, ladies' wear, hardware and sundry dealers.

This new department will be managed by Frank Clark and Company, well known here, having been with Burdick Bros. for seven years, and also in charge of New York stocks grain and local stock departments for R. P. Clark and Company, during the last three years.

All listed stocks, bonds and mining securities will be dealt and special arrangements have been made to look after clients' orders to buy and sell.

Edmonton—Wholesale and retail business shows some improvement over last year. Collections just fair.

British Columbia—Vancouver manufacturers report business as fair. All lines of wholesale continue with fair signs of improvement in the hardware line. Both city and country retail trade continues fair.

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—The wheat pool interim payment on March 15, according to authoritative information, will be: Wheat, 15 cents; oats and rye, 10 cents; barley, 8 cents; flax, 20 cents.

The sign-up on new contracts of 3,000,000 acres so far this year is a great disappointment.

The decision was reached after a two-hour session of the Oklahoma-Kansas division of the Mid-Conti-

'CORNERS' WHETTING SPECULATIVE FRENZY, VANDERLIP ASSERTS

Spectacular Plunges on Stock Market Induce Gambling, Financier Says

Large Fortunes Piled up Suddenly; Present Rail Boom Called Healthy

New York, Feb. 26.—America's gambling appetite has been merely whetted by the recent frenzy of speculation in low-priced railroad shares, one of the highlights of which was the skyrocketing of Wheeling almost overnight from \$27 to \$30.

Now comes Frank A. Vanderlip, economist, banker and former president of America's largest bank, the National City, swinging the dangerous semaphores of "Stop" in the faces of the country's smallest investors. "A new crop of gamblers springs up among usually conservative investors following one of these spurs," he told the Tribune.

"They read of fabulous fortunes made suddenly, their cupidity is aroused, they take chances and in the wake is left a general ripple of uneasiness such as followed the Northern Pacific, Stutz and other corners."

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This should be an auspicious day for travel.

A London astrologer declares that in California and especially in Los Angeles, Washington and Nevada demonstrations from the people will take place in the course of protest against the reign of crime.

Political activity looking toward the next national campaign will be

come far-reaching at this time, it is believed.

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Again the stars portend inventions of the most amazing sort and the seers declare that they will change life as much as the telephone and radio have altered past customs.

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VICTORIA, B.C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1927

Behind the Scenes of the Legislature

Forty-eight Members Have Strenuous Two Months' Work

WITH the attention of an interested public directed their way the legislators of the Province are now in full stride in their annual work of law making, arranging for financial provision wherewith to carry on the country's administration for the next twelve months and, generally, undertaking the yearly stocktaking along the time-honored lines prescribed by precedent.

The forty-eight individuals upon whom that same public has cast this burden—a burden the weight of which, the members sometimes feel, is not adequately appreciated by those who send them to the annual grind—are busy as bees at their work. They hope it will meet with the approbation of their constituents; they know they are doing the best they know how to carry out their duties, and they resent what to them appears to be the peculiar trait of the man in the street to look upon the efforts and labors of the House with a sort of suspicion, as though it were a matter of wonder just what all the fuss is about and just what those same members can find to do to warrant their drawing down the indemnity which an ungrateful public pays them.

NO HOLIDAY

Ask the average man in the street his opinion of the work of the legislators and he will in all likelihood shrug his shoulders and declare that so far as he can see it amounts only to a two-months' holiday for the members at the expense of the taxpayer, an annual jaunt which may, but more often does not, result in any particular benefit to the people; that it affords the political groups opportunity to spit at one another across the floor of the Legislature, with the ins endeavoring to stay in and the outs seeking to make it appear to the world at large that they and only they should be to the right of Mr. Speaker directing the affairs of the Province as only they, in their wisdom, are able to direct. That about sums up what Mr. Average Man would say right off the bat were he asked his opinion. And as usual that same average individual would be about as far off the track as he is on most matters in which he is not directly and personally involved.

For the legislators do work when they gather at each session in Victoria-by-the-Sea. With the possible exception of the first few days before the actual detailed work of the session gets under way there is no loafing on the job. Every man has his allotted work to do and as the session progresses that work is speeded up until a member finds that towards the close he is called upon to be on the job from the time he finishes his breakfast until midnight and often later.

NOT SPECTACULAR

But much of his work is not of the spectacular kind. The man in the street knows little of it. True, he reads in the daily press of the debates wherein opposing groups stage their attacks upon their opponents and seek to imbue the public mind with the short-comings of the one and the virtues of the other. But that after all is to a great extent merely the scenery behind which the real work of the session is being carried on. The members do work and work hard, and like the policeman of whom the late Messrs Gilbert and Sullivan sang, their lot is not always a happy one.

To those not accustomed to seeing the members of the Legislature in action, not alone on the floor of the House, but in committee, and attending to the thousand and one calls made upon them between times, the life of a legislator when in attendance at the Session may appear to be one of dignified mien and none too strenuous effort. A peek behind the scenes, however, would soon correct that impression. They are actually as busy as bees. It may be that the honey they make does not come up to the expectations of all and sundry, but they are buzzing all the time and their product is the best they can give. There are mighty few drones in the Legislative bee-hive, and by and large, they earn their money.

Mornings devoted to committee work—and many of the members are serving on two or three different committees—afternoons to the sittings of the House and, when the night sittings are inaugurated, more House work, constitute a programme which keeps the most earnest and energetic member hustling. Added to that every member has a host of curious fellow constituents back home who feel they just must keep their member advised as to the best methods of running the country in general and that constituency in particular, and a steady bombardment of correspondence descends upon the head of the luckless member throughout the session, an avalanche which requires immediate attention and reply, if the member wishes to hold his friends at home.

LOBBYISTS

The corridors are alive with mysterious individuals who have swarmed into this fair city, each with an axe to grind—lobbyists who drag the poor member into a secluded nook to expound to him the necessity, if the country is to prosper and be saved, of legislation in favor of this scheme or that enterprise. It is a veritable gauntlet the member runs as he proceeds about his duties of making the laws for his Pro-

vince and it is not to be wondered at that by the time the annual parliamentary grind draws to a conclusion his nerves are severely frayed about the edges and he welcomes the opportunity to get back to his home district and have done with his legislative labors. As one philosophical member was heard to remark after a hard day's work: "It's a great life if you don't weaken."

With no less than eight select standing committees of the House, the personnel of which absorbs practically all the members, together with special committees named, as the labors of the House progress, to deal with special matters requiring attention, there is no lack of work before the legislators. For the past month these committees have been functioning at full speed.

The Public Accounts committee which affords the opposition element full opportunity to investigate the financial operations of the administration for the preceding fiscal year, probably has interjected into its deliberations more of party animus than is the case of the other committees, the work of which is devoted almost wholly to consideration of legislation to come before the House. The opposition hails with glee the opportunity to utilize the Public Accounts committee as a means for fishing expeditions for facts upon which they may base allegations of incompetence or wrong-doing on the part of the Government. But truth requires it to be stated that year after year these efforts have failed to disclose any indications of mal-administration, and so far since it attained office in 1916, the Government has come through each year's probe before that committee with a clean sheet.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

The Municipal Committee has its hands full dealing with legislation affecting Municipalities and its sessions almost invariably attract a large attendance of Municipal representatives who are seeking changes to the Municipal Act to cover special and peculiar circumstances within their municipal borders, or an equally active Vancouver, for instance, seeks amendments to its charter to permit of increased powers of taxation and representatives of those interests who will be affected by the added imposts, haunt the Committee's sessions to, if possible, prevent granting of such asked-for powers. There is much argument pro and con, tempers sometimes become heated, but both sides must be heard in full and their arguments carefully weighed by members of the committee, for upon the committee's report will, in great measure, depend what the House will do when the legislation, as finally recommended by the committee, reaches the House for formal discussions and action.

The Private Bills committee, too, is another body of hard working individuals who have a strenuous time passing upon the efforts of various interests to secure legislation affecting private interests. The trouble is that, in many instances, such private legislation very patently affects public interests and the arguments of the latter must be heard. It is generally a battle of legal wits in the Private Bills committee, but all interests can secure a ready hearing and the door is never closed on any individual or organization who may seek to present views on the proposed legislation. In fact, this committee has to exercise a sort of guardianship over the public interest for while corporations seeking private acts have always ample legal talent on hand to press their claims and argue the merits of the requests presented, if oft-times happens that other interests are not so favorably situated and, hence, committee members find themselves placed in the position of having to safe-guard interests which, perhaps, are not adequately represented at these preliminary discussions.

FARMERS' PROBLEMS

This year the Agricultural committee members find that their lot has been anything but a happy one. The fruit-growers of the Interior have interjected into the committee's midst a veritable tangle in the shape of the demand for legislation to permit price fixing. The committee has been sitting mornings, noons and nights day after day and the flow of arguments pro and con on the hundred and one aspects of the agricultural industry has been a steady and broadening one. From consideration of measures to ensure the financial stability of the industry to steps to protect crops from the pheasants and other predatory birds is a far cry but then the activities of the Agricultural committee are not circumscribed within narrow limits. It just about includes everything affecting the farmer and grower in this fair Province, and that is a wide enough range to suit the members of the committee who jump from the Oriental peril to the question of the advisability of a bounty on crows in startling fashion, and who usually conclude their committee work with a report the recommendations of which presents to the Government a real, constructive programme for agricultural development and well-being.

The Mining committee is another body which performs a most important function especially in view of the vast importance of the development of the mineral resources of the Province. True, since the present Government

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took office the committee has not had a very strenuous time simply on account of the fact that the whole effort of the Department of Mines has been to permit of as little tinkering with the mining laws of the Province as possible. The aim has been stability of mining laws, a principle which has received the enthusiastic support of the mining industry and has redounded more than anything else, to the benefit of the industry and proved the basis upon which the remarkable development of the past ten years has been founded.

NEW STANDING COMMITTEE

With the tremendous strides being made in the development of the forest wealth of the Province, it was timely that a new standing committee, the Forestry committee, should be brought into operation. The many and varied phases arising out of that development require that there shall be a body of the Legislature specially designed to deal with such questions and undoubtedly the Forestry committee will prove a most important and efficient adjunct to the committee work of the Legislature.

The standing committees on printing and railways, have also an important niche to fill and while their duties are not so spectacular, perhaps, as those of the other bodies, yet the work before them is oft-times of a nature requiring most careful attention and action.

FARMERS' PROBLEMS

But there are other committees still which give the members opportunity for more labor and thought. Should an opposition member allege shortcomings against the Government and have sand enough to make his charge on the floor of the House, promptly his charge is met with the appointment of a select committee to afford him the opportunity of proving his charge. Should a situation arise which requires intimate investigation which the House, as a whole, could not give, it is customary to name a committee to get all the facts and report back to the House. At this session, for instance, such a committee is delving into the allegations made by the opposition relative to campaign funds; another select committee is overhauling the operations of the Workmen's Compensation Act and administration of Mothers' Pensions and still another committee, named at the last session of the Legislature to investigate and report upon the whole question of insanity in this Province and to make recommendations relative to this most vital question, has been at work for the past year and will shortly submit the result of its investigations.

No. The members of the Legislature are not loafing on the job. On the contrary, it is a veritable struggle to keep up with the work presented to them. All the committee work must be done when the House is not in formal session for then the members must be ready to take part in the discussion on the floor of the House on the matters which they have been called upon to deal with in committee.

DELEGATIONS

And while the legislators are thus fulfilling their functions the Cabinet Ministers are having their troubles. Ministers of the Crown do not serve on Legislative committees, but the advent of the annual gathering of lawmakers brings them into the maelstrom of the session's activities. Besides the routine administration of their various departments, the members of the Cabinet are kept busy meeting delegations urging this, that and the other thing on the Government's attention, holding executive meetings at which the multitudinous matters arising out of administration must be dealt with, and generally speaking, being at the beck and call of every person or interest which has some scheme to advance or purpose to be served.

Like the ordinary member of the House the Minister of the Crown has no bed of roses during the Parliamentary gathering. And on the floor of the House it is the Minister who must face the attacks of the opposition and make reply. An opposition attack upon the Government is something like an Irish wake, it is a case of hit the first head that shows up. It is the Minister's head that draws down the barrage. By virtue of his office his head is above the level of the ordinary member and, just naturally, the bricks—and sometimes bouquets—are aimed in his particular direction. But experience shows that the contest is no uneven one. The Ministers of the present Liberal administration have successfully met any and all onslaughts from their political foes and have proved ready and aggressive in the "come-back."

This being a member of the Legislature is no Midsummer Night's Dream, no revel with all play and no work. It's a veritable grind starting off, perhaps, at a leisurely pace, but soon developing into a jog-trot and then gathering momentum until, as the session draws to an end, it shows a burst of speed that clearly indicates the Legislative machine is hitting on all cylinders.

As stated before, the members of the Legislature work hard, do good work and earn their money. Their constituents cannot demand more.

DAY AND NIGHT

One of the most active of the Select Standing committees of the Legislature, is that of Agriculture, presided over by Dr. E. J. Rothwell, Member for New Westminster.

Proposals reach the committee in a very democratic manner, mostly through attendance of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes with which are associated representatives from the four major specialized branches of agricultural industry, such as B.C. Fruit-growers' B.C. Dairymen's Association; B.C. Stock-breeders' and B.C. Poultry Association.

Accustomed to rising early and working late whilst at home, the farmer delegates do not spare the members of the Select Standing

large amount of information on the subject of farmers' problems. As a medical practitioner he knows the life work of the farm women of the Fraser Valley as well as the financial burdens of the tillers of the soil. In this way he is able to bring to the consideration of the questions dealt with by the Agricultural committee an intimate knowledge of the farmer's viewpoint. He can diagnose a complaint and determine with fair accuracy whether the ailment is a mental one or a physical one which can be removed by remedial legislation or departmental action.

Associated with Dr. Rothwell in the work of the Agricultural committee are thirteen other members drawn from a very varied list of callings. The committee comprises two medical men, one lawyer, three fiscal agents, two department store proprietors, one race-track promoter, one feed merchant, one auto dealer, one logger, one fruit-grower and one general farmer.

A BUSY CHAIRMAN

One of the youngest and most alive of the members of the Legislature is Harry G. Perry of Prince George, deputy speaker and chairman of the committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders. Mr. Perry is not a big man physically, but he worthily represents the largest constituency in the Province, and probably the largest provincial riding in Canada. It stretches from the Cariboo and the Yellowhead Pass to the south right up to the Yukon Territory on the north and the prairies of Alberta on the east. Mighty rivers, such as the Fraser, the Peace, the Parsnip and the Hay flow through it. Rugged mountains, timbered valleys, mineralized zones and the undulating prairie lands of Pouce Coupe all lie within its boundaries. Almost yearly it is Mr. Perry's custom to start in a flat-bottomed canoe from Summit Lake, on the watershed divide north of Prince George, thence down the Crooked and Parsnip Rivers to Finlay Forks, where the junction of the Parsnip and the Finley form the Peace. Down Peace River, portaging the canyon that cuts the Rocky Mountain divide, he goes on to Hudson Hope and out to the prairie settlements to interview his pioneering constituents on their farms.

These views of the possibilities and conditions of the Peace River district have made Mr. Perry the outstanding advocate of a real outlet to the Pacific Coast. In face of continued disappointment, year in and year out, he continues to preach the gospel of deliverance for the Peace River settlers by means of an elongated Pacific Great Eastern, present connection with the Edmonton-Dunvegan and British Columbia or anything that will improve the present means of transit.

Mr. Perry, who was born in England about thirty-seven years ago, came to Canada in his early twenties. He brought with him a good grammar school education and a commercial training. After spending two years in Calgary, he moved to the nascent city of Prince George. In 1912 the city on the Fraser was little more than an Indian Reserve with a few scattered dwellings. Mr. Perry went into business, and as a hustler and a fluent speaker was soon drawn into public life. He was clerk of the Incorporation committee, and before he was thirty had been twice mayor. In 1920 he was elected to the Legislature and was re-elected in 1924. He is also, it should be added, one of the most eloquent of the Liberal rank and file.

The Select committee over which Mr. Perry presides is perhaps the most important and certainly one of the busiest of the sub-parliaments that direct legislation, in its incipient stages, Those serving with Mr. Perry are Ian MacKenzie, J. M. Bryan, H. L. Kergin, V. W. Odium, S. O. Leahy, Mrs. Smith, P. P. Harrison, A. McC. Creery, F. Browne, J. Hinchliffe, C. F. Davie and Michael Manson. Thirteen in all, and sometimes they may be led to think that the ill-luck attributed to their number attended them when they were appointed to this committee, for it let them in for much trying and thankless work. Every private bill brought before the House—such as measures for the promotion of companies, the granting of charters for railways and other enterprises or matters affecting particular municipalities—must be scrutinized in complete detail. Clause by clause the committee must go through such bills, recommending an amendment here or a cancellation or substitution somewhere else in order to meet particular conditions. They have also to ascertain that the rules of the House in relation to form, advertising, fees, etc. have been complied with. They must also hear the arguments of advocates for or against any bill brought before them. Finally having heard all that is to be said it is for the committee to decide whether it shall recommend the Bill to the House. If it should so recommend, the bill is almost certain of passage, but if otherwise it is probably doomed.

There are many other committees of importance who work virtually night and day from the time the Legislature opens until the closing day. Space forbids a detailed reference to their activities, but they will be dealt with in a future issue.

Things I Hardly Dare Whisper—By Stephen Leacock

More Revelations of Another Unknown European Diplomat by an Undisclosed Author of European Disreputation; Two Volumes, \$10 Each, or the Two for \$7.50

As everybody knows, the recent craze for publishing diplomatic memoirs is exciting a storm of protest in the highest European circles. It is felt that it involves a dangerous leakage of political secrets. "We are making all over the place," writes Lord Bulkhead, "It has got to stop."

On the other hand, we cannot resist recommending to the reading public in the warmest terms the extraordinary and fascinating volumes announced above. It is no exaggeration to say that the publication of "Things I Hardly Dare Whisper" is calculated to arouse a whirlwind, the suction of which may carry down two of three of the principal governments of Europe.

EACH OUT FROM UNDER

The work is all the more intriguing in that, the name of the author is buried in absolute secrecy. The publishers themselves are utterly unaware who wrote it. The authorship is variously attributed to Lord Bulkhead, ex-Premier Poincaré, Lady Astor, Douglas Fairbanks, the Queen of Roumania and Dorothy Gish. Miss Gish, however, on being approached, declared emphatically, "I didn't write it; so there!" Monsieur Poincaré says that he not only didn't write it, but he couldn't write it.

Perhaps the principal feature of the book is the extraordinary boldness of its revelation. Conversations

between persons of the very highest rank and the most conspicuous position are reported with a frankness that verges on brutality.

Take, for instance, the passage, one of the most notable in the volumes, in which the unknown author relates a conversation with a Most Exalted Personage.

GETTING AN EARFUL

"We were sitting together in the bar of the House of Lords," he writes, "the Personage, as usual, sitting with his elbow on my shoulder and whispering into my ear so that Lord Snop, the Master of the Buckhounds and Lord Snipe, at that time in office as Black Stick in Waiting, or Yellow Stick in Hiding, I forget which—could not overhear our conversation, which His Royal Personage obviously regarded as for us alone.

"What do you think of Sir Jaugh Bohn?" I asked. His Royal Personage looked carefully around and then whispered—"He's a pup." I made a silent note of this for publication.

"And what is Your Personage's opinion of the First Lord of the Generality?" His Personage advanced his face closer and took hold of my ear with his hand so as to draw it towards him. "I consider the First Lord," he whispered, "as nothing better than a third-rate bum."

"Realizing at once the high commercial value of these disclosures, I

begged His Royal Personage to sit quiet a moment while I wrote them down."

A similar frankness and daring is shown not only in the treatment of royalty itself, but in the confidential open pictures given by the author of the leading statesmen of the time.

"We were sitting on a bench in the sun," he writes, "outside the modest little country home of Monsieur Clemenceau, whom I may designate the Old Tiger of France. The Old Tiger, who will be one hundred and six (if he lives long enough), has just spent a busy morning planting radishes. What is your opinion of England?"

I asked of the Old Tiger. "For a moment a flash of all his old impetuosity flashed out of the Old Tiger's eyes. 'It's a —— of a place,' he said."

BACK TO FIRST CAUSES

But perhaps to most readers the most engrossing chapters of the book are those which deal with the origin, or what the author cleverly calls the genesis, of the Great War. Many memoirs have already dealt intimately with this topic. The Kaiser, General Ludendorff, Lord Grey and others have essayed to analyze the causes of the conflict. The Kaiser says that it was a world attack directed against himself personally.

Lord Grey, while speaking in a very



An excited personage was whispering in my ear.

guarded and moderate way, thinks that the war may have had something to do with England and Germany and possibly with France.

deed, a colonel of one of the negro regiments from the United States has said that this was exactly his idea in going into it. No doubt it was this idea of a *Zeitgeist* which inflamed the minds of many of the young men at the time.

SIZZLING SYLLABLES

In other quarters, and especially in academic circles, the opinion is generally held that the war was a conflict of the Inevitable against the Inexhaustible.

"It is all the more interesting to find that our present unknown author makes the astounding statement that he caused the war himself."

"It is strange to realize," he writes, "that a few casual words dropped by myself in a drawing-room in Buda-Pest, probably occasioned the entire conflagration." (It would not perhaps have been so strange if he had dropped them in a garage or somewhere where there was gasoline).

DIPLOMATIC SPARKS

"I was seated one evening talking with Prince Bughaus of Schlitz-im-Mein, himself of the immediate entourage of the Kaiser and intimate with every Chancellery in Europe. The Prince had been asking me confidentially what I thought Downing Street would do if the Quat d'Orsay lined up solidly with the Ball Platz

and came down heavily on the Yildiz Kiosk. At that time (it was in July of 1914), the whole atmosphere was tense with diplomatic electricity.

"Unfortunately, Prince Bughaus, who is a master of languages, was talking for greater secrecy in Chinese; and I misunderstood his reference to the Ball Platz and thought he was referring to the World's Baseball Series. 'Everything is arranged,' I said, 'for the early Autumn. And this time it will be a fight to a finish.' The Prince repeated quietly (in Chinese), 'A fight to a finish.' But that night he telegraphed to Berlin that 'Germany's only chance would be to anticipate her enemies by making war in August.'

"The result of my casual remark is unfortunately only too well known. One must not, however, suppose that these delightful volumes are entirely occupied with the tragic, the sombre, or the pompous side of life. The author enlivens his pages with a number of delightful anecdotes in regard to the great people with whom he has been in contact, which are quite as amusing as those in any similar book of memoirs to-day. For example, the following delicious story is related in connection with the same Prince Bughaus of Schlitz-im-Mein just mentioned.

"Bughaus, as his friends call him, is not only one of the most astute men of his time in the diplomatic corps, but is also a master of the wit and repartee. 'How much are your cold partridges?' 'I am sorry, your Transparency,' replied the man, 'we haven't any cold partridges.' 'In that case,' replied the witty Prince, 'we won't have any cold partridges.'

"I need hardly say that the entire corps diplomatic broke out into hearty laughter. In fact, they nearly choked themselves."

"When we add that the two entire volumes are filled with material, grave and gay, on the same level as what we have already narrated, it will be understood that these volumes of confidential memoirs will challenge comparison with anything of the sort written in the last ten years.

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NEXT WEEK—

"More Great Authorities at Home"

Now Comes Booth Tarkington to Portray for Us a Second Babbitt

In "The Plutocrat," Indiana Humorist Scores One of His Greatest Successes in His Contrast of a Western Business Man to a Snobbish New York Playwright

By PROF. W. T. ALLISON

WITH the publication of "The Plutocrat" (S. B. Gundy, Toronto), Booth Tarkington has brought twenty-eight novels, or pseudo-novels, into the world. Not more than ten of them, to make a generous estimate, will attract any attention from posterity, so that we conclude that Booth has labored abundantly but not always meritoriously. Of his stories, "Monsieur Beaucare," "The Gentleman From Indiana," "Penrod," "Seventeen," and "Alice Adams" will probably be read a generation hence. Among American works of humor "Penrod" and "Seventeen" take a high place. "Seventeen," a story of calf love, with an old man's disgusted reaction thereto, is one of the most deliciously comical books I have

ever read. More contiguously funny even than "Penrod" or "Huckleberry Finn," this had book of Tarkington's which I attempted to read was "The Midlander."

It was perversely dull, and I never reached the climax. Afflicted with this memory of a dud, I picked up "The Plutocrat" with languid interest, expecting to reinforce my former conviction that the prolific gentleman from Indiana had written himself out. But a glad surprise awaited me, for here, once more, is the old B. T. full of verve and overflowing with humor.

A SEA-SICK PLAYWRIGHT

Even when he is dull in subject matter, Booth Tarkington writes clear and elegant English. His style is Addisonian in its limpid ease. Never abstract, this American novelist is a great hand at description. In his opening chapter he describes the sufferings of his leading young man character, Mr. Lawrence Ogle, a snobbish New York playwright on pleasure bound for Europe. His distress is that from which even passengers in a costly suite on a big ocean-going liner are not exempt—dizziness, depression, seasickness. Many writers have attempted to depict the misery of sea-sick passengers during a dreadful storm at sea, but Mr. Tarkington has been more original than any that I can remember. See the miserable New Yorker prostrate in his decorated double cabin and follow Mr. Tarkington in a couple of paragraphs. His trunk had been opened and then dashed upright against the wall of his bathroom; but something had gone amiss with the lashings, so that at intervals the trunk presented itself in an inverted doorway, tilted drunkenly to eject something—dagger or a limp garment upon the threshold, and then withdrew into the bathroom, where it produced crashing noise of breakage, to which Ogle was indifferent.

"He ascended spirally, meanwhile rocking laterally, and this curving ascent was a long one, both in time and space, than at the crest of it, there was a moment of poising followed by a descent like a two-story story drop in a swift elevator. The bed sank too rapidly beneath him, going down a little faster than he did, so that until the fall was completed he had no weight; whereupon at the bottom he was too heavy, having already begun to be urged upward again. His wife being seemingly to consist of mucus and of mucus in undestable directions; and yet, in addition to his poignant sensations, he still had thoughts and emotions."

THE HEN-PECKED PLUTOCRAT FROM ILLINOIS

This is very good for the opening scene, but notice the skill with which Mr. Tarkington proceeds to intro-

duce the pluto, the hero of his story. In his seasick condition the highbrow playwright hears through the partition a voice from the next stateroom. It is a husky voice, free, easy, and loud, an uninterrupted voice of the Middle West, and the voice is bawling cheerfully, "Honey, how's Baby?" He became violently ill, but not too ill to hear the terrible voice proceed, "You feelin' any better, Baby?" To this query, the voice of a young woman replied, "Quit calling me Baby!" More dialogue, all in the Middle West dialect, which the aesthetic Easterner abhorred.

In fact, it was the loud Honey and Baby talk that drove him from his cabin to the deck as soon as the storm abated and his strength returned sufficiently to allow him to totter up the companionway. But he soon found that he could not get away from Baby's father. He and three other men of "the terrible native type," as Ogle expressed it to his friend Macklyn, a New York artist, whom he met on board, drank freely at the smoking-room bar, talked noisily, and sang voicefully.

Mariar!

Mariar!

BAY RUM IN A BOTTLE WE'LL BUY 'ER!

From the confidences that baby's father, whose real name turned out to be Henry Tinker, exchanged with his cronies, Ogle could not help learning he was a big business man, head of an Illinois paper company and director of many other companies. His friends were also wealthy Americans of the same type, boosters and hustlers but innocent of culture. Tinker seemed to be able to get along swimmingly with everybody but his wife and daughter; the latter was sulky because he had planned the trip abroad to separate her from her lover, and the former exercised over him a petulant tyranny, specially exacting because she was seasick and he was able to play about on deck without her oversight.

THE ONE-HUNDRED-PER-CENT AMERICAN

The personification of American big talk and the soul of astability, Mr. Tinker proves to be the very life of the ship. In a couple of days he becomes very friendly with a beautifully dressed French lady, Madame Momoro, who, with her son Hyacinthe, a faultlessly attired youth, has been on a trip to America recently returning to her home in Algiers. Ogle also becomes acquainted with the enchanting lady, who reminds him of a Greek goddess, and his admiration is swiftly transformed into something akin to love as the fair one takes him in tow. But the soft-looking goddess, he discovered to his mortification, was even more inter-

ested in the blatant Tinker than in his own intellectual self. He even went so far as to tell the beautiful one that he marveled how she could even be amused by a person of the Tinker type. He proceeded in this serious fashion to give the opinion of a Babbitt held by a cultured New Yorker. Tarkington's two-edged sword of satire flashes in this speech: "They (the Tinkers and the Babbits) belong to an objectionable bourgeoisie with which we ourselves avoid contact. We are never conscious of them unless we travel and then we are but too unhappily made aware of their existence. They swarm in politics and in business; they thrive upon a horrible ceremonial known as the Great American Banquet; they read mystery stories, buy marionette furniture, call their advertisements 'literature,' and speak of a tragic drama as a 'show.' They are blissful when a brass band plays 'In the Gloriam' if it plays 'Suwanee River' they cry. Their religion is to pay for their wives' pews in expensive stone churches full of art glass, and their patriotism is to bellow at a culminating Chinaman that they are one-hundred-per-cent Americans. We

think they're rather terrible, Madame Momoro."

NEW YORKER CURED OF SNOBBISHNESS

By the time the voyage is over and we are taking a motor drive into Algeria, we see Ogle in process of being cured of his snobbishness, becoming quite human under the severe but deserved discipline of the French adventures. We also see Mr. Tinker becoming more and more admirable not only in our own eyes but in those of the precious snob, Ogle. Tinker's daughter Olivia, who had been sullen on the boat becomes steadily more human as the party advances towards the Sahara Desert. She also contributes to the education of Lawrence Ogle, first by the use of cutting sarcasm, second by allowing her antipathy magically to change to tenderness for the good-looking young New Yorker in the thrill of young adventure. The reader can easily imagine how the story is going to end, but the most interesting feature of this novel is not the romantic side; it is the cure of a snob and the revelation of the essential bigness of heart and the powerful personality of a plutocrat who lacks formal education

and fine taste but who is a human dynamo. Wherever Tinker goes, whether he is in a Tunis hotel or is riding on a white camel across the desert, he impresses the natives with his humanity. Ogle is a nonentity compared with him, and Mr. Tarkington, who has not been mingling with western business men all these years for nothing, penetrates beneath the somewhat crude exterior into the golden heart of a born leader of men.

TINKER GIVES A TALK ON PROGRESS

If we can overlook the one glaring improbability of this story, the easy capitulation of a man of Lawrence Ogle's worldly wisdom to the wiles of an enchantress, we can derive steady amusement from its comical situations, much information from the descriptions of scenery and ruins in Northern Africa, and, above all, a delightful appreciation of the boyish antics, keenness of observation, and bigness of heart of an American of the noisy but vigorous and masterful Tinker type. Mr. Tarkington has done nothing better than his creation of this gentle plutocrat whose philosophy of life he compares with that of the ancient Romans who once

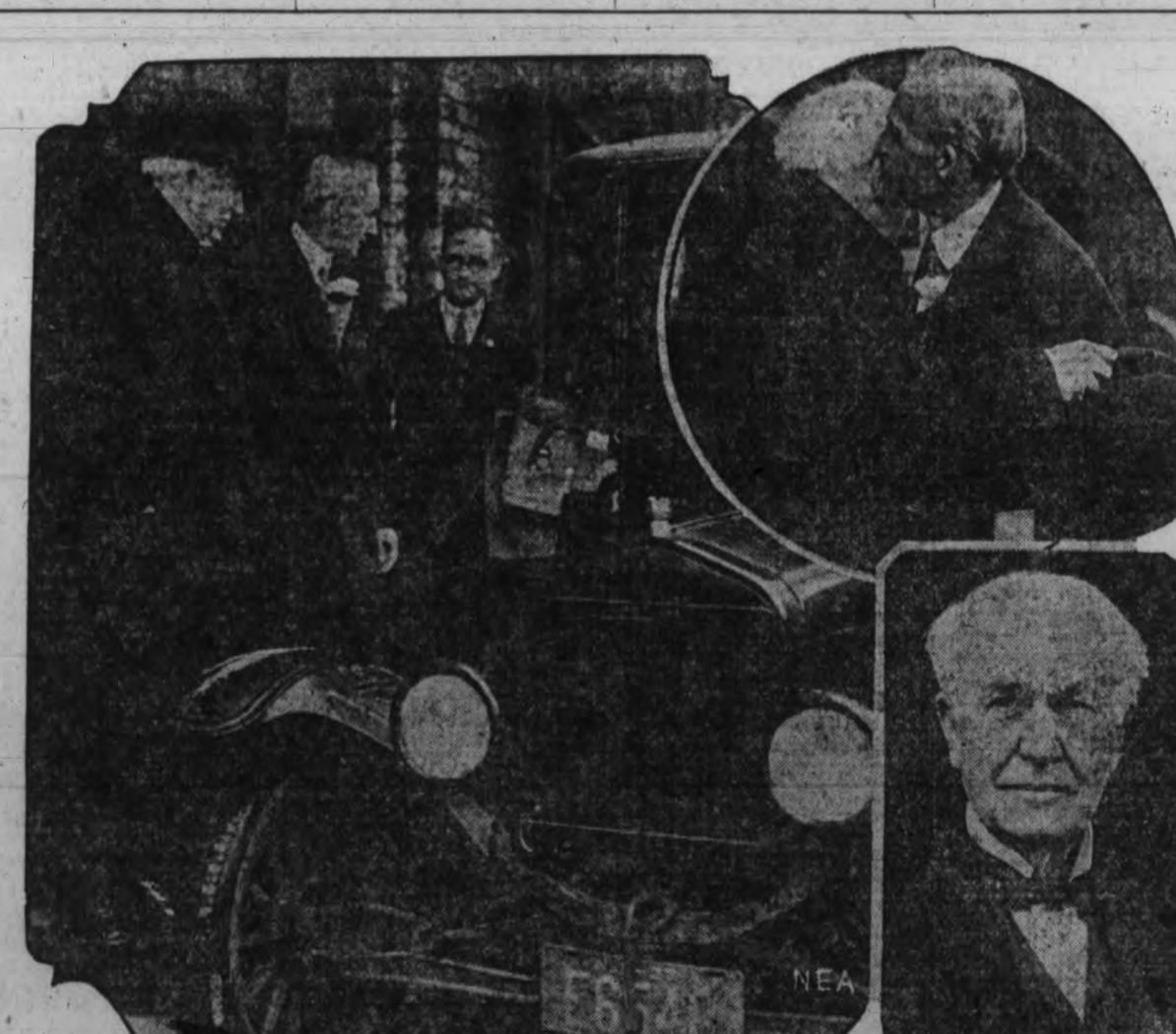
LITERARY NOTES

The Ryerson Press is re-establishing in Canada a practice which the wary London bookseller employed during the eighteenth century. Certain books are being published on subscription. A limited number is printed, say 250 or 500, and the publishing firm sometimes prints the list of the subscribers in the volume issued. The wisdom of this method is apparent. The announcement that only a small edition will be published gives the prospective purchaser or subscriber reason to hope that many collectors will reach for the work in view of its future rarity. For example, one of the first books published by the Ryerson Press in this way was *Billie Carman's "Talks on Poetry and Life."* Only 200 copies were printed, of which 195 were offered to subscribers. The issue was speedily oversubscribed and the result is that the buyers could now sell at a substantial profit.

Encouraged by this pleasant way of disposing of literary wares, the Ryerson Press now announces a series of Canadian historical studies to be sold on subscription. Only 500 copies of each book will be printed, of which 495 will be for sale. A list of the subscribers will be printed in each volume and they will be looked upon, let us hope, with much the same veneration by posterity as the gentlemen who subscribed for Pope's translation of Homer. The first two books on the list are "The Dixon-Mearns Controversy" and "Zimmerman's Captain Cook," a translation with notes of a German sailor's account of Captain Cook's voyage round the world. The editor of both these volumes is one of the best-known historians in Western Canada, Judge F. W. Howay of New Westminster. The third projected volume in this new series is a translation of Book VI of "Historiae Canadensis," by Francis Du Creux, edited by Percy Robinson, M.A. The first book of the series is listed at \$5 and the latter two at \$2 each, making them rather costly. It remains to be seen whether the subscription device will be as effective here as in the domain of poetry.

DeWolf Hopper, the popular comedian who has entertained American audiences for the past forty years, says his first amateur performance must date back at least as far as his tenth year. He tells the story in "Once a Clown, Always a Clown: Reminiscences of DeWolf Hopper" (Little, Brown and Company): "Natalie had written a play, which we children presented as a surprise to our elders. . . . The play opened with the outbreak of hostilities in the Civil War. Four little husbands bade an affecting goodbye to four little wives in Act One, and were off to the wars. Three years elapsed. Act Two disclosed four little wives, old and gray, thanks to charcoal wrinkles and much flour on the hair. They sat knitting by the fireside when the four little husbands limped home from the wars. This one had lost a leg, that one an arm, the third was much the worse for prison, and the fourth was sightless. Each had performed incredible deeds of heroism and was rather immodest about it. When the fourth little husband had recited his Iliad and Odyssey, the four little wives arose and in a singing declaration, 'We, too, have not been idle.' They left the stage, to return each with her favorite doll. . . . I have seen and played in many dramas, but none with a more effective curtain."

A decided novelty in the poetic line, both in the form in which it is



Thomas Alva Edison consented to little deviation from his usual daily routine upon his eightieth birthday anniversary. A visit from his old friend, Henry Ford, and his annual meeting with news reporters and photographers were the outstanding events of the day. Here (left) we see the inventive "Wizard of Menlo Park" arriving at the laboratory with Ford from the Edison home. The trip was made in the stock Ford touring car which Ford gave Edison and was marked by the ceremony of entering the laboratory grounds through the main gate, which is opened for Edison to pass only on his anniversaries. (During the remainder of the year he is driven in through a rear gate). Ford isn't kissing his soft-looking goddess, he discovered to his mortification, was even more inter-



CONTROLS LIFE—Dr. G. W. Clark of the University of California has discovered a blood substance called "cocytin" by which he declares he can control life in lower animals. The substance starts life in the egg of the sea urchin, according to Dr. Clark.

Week-end Cables and Special Dispatches From Across the Atlantic

Duce, Ignoring Attacks, Says: "I'll See You Here in 1931"

By ALICE ROHE

ROME, Feb. 26—"Four years from to-day I will meet you here." My rendezvous is with—Benito Mussolini, the most spectacular figure in modern history!

With the quick movement which characterizes him, Italy's Fascist Premier springs up, grasps a photograph of himself, goes to his desk and, with a decisive sweep of the pen, writes my name, Rome, the date, and—adds to my measurable surprise "Devotamente Mussolini." (Devotedly Mussolini.)

I look at him, appreciating his memory of people. For the last time I had talked with Mussolini was just before the march on Rome when the world did not realize that this blacksmith's son held the destiny of Italy in his hands.

"Only," he continues, "You must not wait that long—come and see me before then."

The four-years-hence rendezvous is made by Mussolini when I speak of his miraculous escapes from repeated attempts on his life.

CAESAR'S BUST

"Oh, I have forgotten all about them," he replies with a wave of his hand. "I will be here four years from to-day to receive you."

Over his head the bust of Julius Caesar, whom he emulates, forced an inevitable comparison. Mussolini's forceful head sits upon a powerful neck. His face, despite the continued reports of his bad health, shows no traces of illness. It is dominating, imperious and imperial, and of great nervous activity. It changes completely when he smiles and reveals, beneath sensuous lips, flashing white teeth.

It asks me what I think of the changes in Rome and Italy under Fascism, and becomes the interviewer.

Personally I am interested in the changes in Mussolini himself. The very elegant figure in correct afternoon clothes recalls the rather ordinary brown suit and brown Derby hat of an individual too busy four years ago to bother about "what the well-dressed man should wear." Today, this busy dictator finds clothes well worth bothering over. Also, I

Mussolini, Man of Many Guises, in a Kaleidoscopic Variety of Moods, Postures, Circumstances and Attire

MEDITATIVE
At a Veterans' hospitalAHORSE
His morning canter.ELOQUENT
Haranguing the Black ShirtsCAESARIAN
A character portrait.TALKATIVE
With the King.PROUD
Reviewing the fleet.OBSERVANT
Watching military manoeuvres

find his manner changed. He is gallant, almost suave at times.

I do not think of these things when the door to his great office in The Chigi Palace admits me into "the presence."

A person at the far corner of the room rises from a chair behind a large desk. A hand and arm extend toward me in the Fascist salute. The outstretched hand seems a magnet, a commanding gesture. Then Mussolini comes from behind the desk, ad-

vances toward me, takes my hand in a gripping handshake.

GRACIOUS RECOGNITION

He places a chair for me and we talk—as we did when Fascism was an experiment, not a fact. To-day, his gracious reception is a recognition of my having understood Fascism at a time when correspondents were reluctant to see the real power in this ex-Socialist son of a blacksmith.

It is the custom in interviewing Mussolini to send in a questionnaire. Typewritten responses are granted. This obviates misrepresentation and loss of time. Applications for audiences from visitors, if granted, would leave Mussolini no time to carry out the Fascist programme. Then his work will be comparatively easy."

It is also a bit personal to ask his opinion of himself, but Mussolini's reply is characteristic:

"After Mussolini—what?"

His reply is concise.

"After me, Fascismo will continue

undisturbed and undisturbable. Whoever succeeds me in my work of government, if he would remain in union with the spirit of the country, must be loyal to Fascist principles. Then his work will be comparatively easy."

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"It is difficult and controversial for those who come after, to measure and define a political figure; time and

ideas continually change the point of view. It is still more difficult for contemporaries to place a leader of people in time and space. It is vain and impossible to define oneself. Regarding myself, I know this: that I live and work and prefer to be judged by my work."

ITALY HIS EGO

One most important thing about Mussolini is that he leaves no one

before love of self and for this love is ready to sacrifice even his life.

"In my life and in my work I have more vision than my country.

Only for it do I nourish aspirations and ambitions. To it I would be ready to sacrifice myself."

The number of times he has been

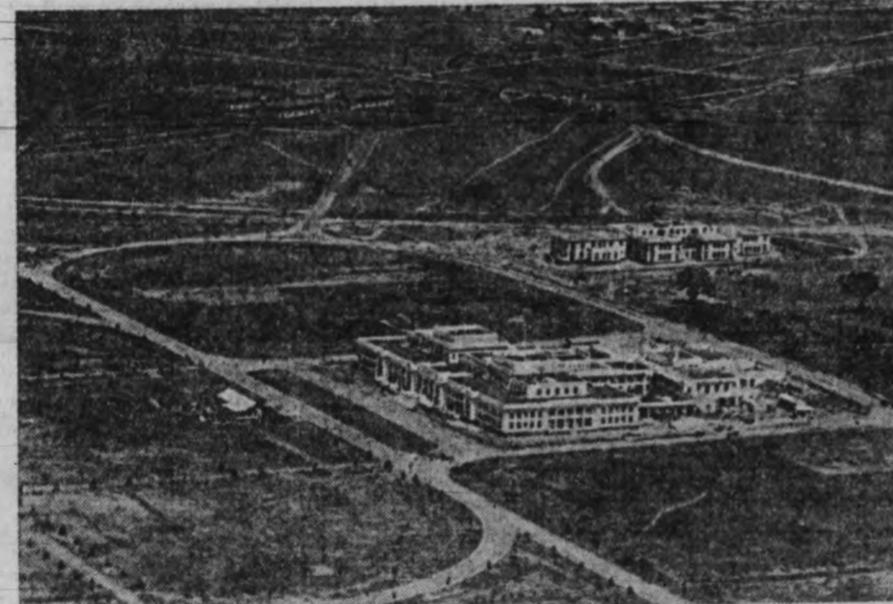
across the page room to the distant door. He takes my hand, bends over it and kisses it.

Yes—it is anticipated until my ren-

dezvous four years hence with the famous Fascist premier.

KING TO RACE HIS OLD YACHT BRITANNIA

AUSTRALIA'S NEW "TAILOR-MADE" CAPITAL



Move to Recommission Her, After Many Alterations, Proves Popular

Prince of Wales Already Planning Easter Trip of Couple of Weeks at Biarritz

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Feb. 26—Since the King's racing yacht Britannia was built in 1893, the masterpiece of that great designer, G. L. Watson, no ship has rivalled her, not only in the affection of yachtsmen but of the general public as well. The King's decision to recommission her has proved very popular.

The hope is generally expressed that she will be restored to her original form. Early last year drastic alterations were made in the hope that she would prove a faster vessel in light airs. Her mast was given additional height, her sail plan made higher and narrower, and some of the internal ballast was taken out, recast and modelled on the keel.

These alterations were unsuccessful, and the Britannia was laid up before the end of the season because, though she might be slightly faster in light airs, she quite lost that superiority in a wind fit for which she had been famed.

THE PRINCE'S EASTER

The Prince of Wales expects to spend his Easter holidays in Biarritz once more, where he hopes to stay for two or three weeks in his old quarters there, which are now being prepared for him.

The visit will be private and unofficial, and the Prince will travel once more as the Earl of Chester. He will need the rest, for a heavy list of public engagements will await him on his return to this country.

MR. BALDWIN AND TOBY JUG

Premier Baldwin has been made the subject of a Toby jug in revival of a custom which was prevalent many years ago. The jug was modelled by Percy Metcalfe, whose representation of the Prime Minister is neither a solemn portrait nor a caricature, but a characteristic presentation, Mr. Baldwin being shown holding his pipe. Round the rim of the jug, which was made by a society of disabled ex-service men in Surrey—the Ashtead potters—are facsimile autographs of the Prime Minister and the artist.

The first copy of the jug was supplied to the Queen at Her Majesty's request. Mr. Baldwin is, so far, the only living statesman whose features are assured of being handed down to posterity in this way.

When Crocodiles Cross Snouts in Mortal Combat



(London Bureau) One of the rarest ever made by a naturalist is this photo of two crocodiles fighting to the death. It was obtained in Northern Australia by Francis Birtles and shows one saurian (left) with his snout held fast by the other who is endeavoring to drown his antagonist by holding him under water. After taking this photo, Birtles saw the former gradually cease his struggles and finally float away dead and the victor thrash his heavy tail and disappear.

If Princess Hermine Goes to Berlin, Will the Ex-Kaiser Be Far Behind?

London, Feb. 26—Princess Hermine—third boss of the exiled Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany—is moving shortly, for part of the year, from Doorn, in Holland, to Berlin, to ram the title of kaiserin down the throats of her step-sons and their wives. And she'll manoeuvre for the return of the ex-kaiser to German soil and afterwards, if possible, to the throne from which he ran away.

Pat, dark and forty, with an iron will and boundless ambitions, this daughter of one insignificant German princely house and widow of another, is determined to take a greater place in the world. So she nags husband Bill and prods the monarchists, who would like to drop him and centre all their hopes on his grandson, Frederick William. And Wilhelm knows she is boss.

THE KAISER'S WOULD-BE BOSSES

Others tried it. Some failed. Some succeeded. His father, the Emperor Frederick III, tried. Wilhelm hated him and defied him. Bismarck, founder of the German empire, and his early mentor, tried. The then kaiser discharged him. His first wife died. He treated her with boorish rudeness, reminding her of the three K's for women, which translated into English became three C's—children, cooking and church.

But when, in the heyday of his glory, Wilhelm went swanking his crown and clinking his spurs on Europe's stage, he had his first boss. It was the little, weasely, mole-like Baron Holstein, who buried himself in a chamber in the foreign office and made the kaiser adopt his foreign policies.

During the war, when the military took the upper hand and completely set aside the civil authority, he had his second boss—Ludendorff. The pompous general drafted orders and Wilhelm signed on the dotted line. Now it's Hermine, who pipes and the exile who dances.

She's been chafing for some time. The monarchists and her step-daughters-in-law insist on calling her "princess." She equally insists upon being called "kaiserin" and "majesty." She wants to forget her small beginnings and be a big figure.

HERMINE'S ORIGIN

Hermine started life as the younger daughter of the late reigning Prince Henry XXII, of the House of Reuss. The principality was not much bigger than the postage stamp it issued. And all its rulers were named Henry. Her mother was a daughter of the reigning house of Schaumburg-Lippe, another postage stamp state. Her uncle married the ex-kaiser's sister. She herself married a German prince, John Carolath-Beuthen, who died in 1920, leaving her three sons and two daughters.

As a result of Prussia's recent settlement with the ex-kaiser, he has obtained a large sum of money, much land and a flock of castles. One of these is the old Kaiser Wilhelm the First palace in Unter den Linden, Berlin's show street. The palace is dull and gloomy outside. Inside, it has few modern comforts. The old grandfather of Wilhelm the Second was so simple in his manners and so stingy that he never had electric lights installed, nor steam heating, nor even a bathroom. Legend has it that when he wanted a real scrub, a bath-tub was sent over from a nearby hotel.

Hermine is changing all this. No grate fires for her. The palace is to be steam-heated and have real bathrooms and other comforts. Then she will move in and direct the kaiser propaganda. She thinks it's the chosen hour. An old monarchist, Hindenburg, is president. A new German cabinet has been constituted in which the monarchists have the lion's share of the jobs—four cabinet posts. And those posts all happen to be the most important in the control of Germany.

Just at present, the monarchists do not love the imperial runaway. But Cecille, wife of ex-Crown Prince Willy, thinks her son ought to be the rose and hope of the royalists. But Hermine expects to teach her a thing or two.

Wherefore a tip—Keep your eyes on Hermine! She may make German history. And German history may mean world history.



Princess Hermine with three of her children—and the ex-Kaiser

Parrot Still Naughty Despite His Old Age

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Feb. 26.—The parrot for

which its owner has just made the

claim that it is more than 120 years

old, reported to have once almost

caused an international episode by

addressing a Russian ad-

dress as "You infernal boudier."

There are many stories of parrots

that have created uncomfortable

moments for hosts and guests, for

the species has sometimes a discon-

certing way of proclaiming aloud

what it has heard in the strictest do-

mestic privacy.

A parrot once gave a gentleman an

unfortunate sidelight upon the mea-

sures of respect that he and his serv-

ant enjoyed in his servants' room.

The parrot was taken ill, and the

butler, who was much attached to it,

begged to be allowed to take it

down to the servants' room, where he

could nurse it more carefully. This

in America was

the usual place upstairs.

But after its return its fa-

vourite remark to its owner was,

"Let the devils ring again!"

WINE 200 YEARS OLD

Bremen, Germany, Feb. 26—Wine

200 years old is being sold here at

the equivalent of thirty-five cents a

glass. It comes from a 500-gallon

cask found in a cellar built in 1412.

The wine was prime about the time

of American Revolution, but now is

said to have a slightly woody taste.

DROP OLD ORDER

London, Feb. 26—Directors of the

old Southwestern and London Rail-

way have decided that, after all,

new-fangled safety devices may be

dependable. So they have rescinded

the order, in force since the earliest

days of the road, requiring uniformed

employees to wear red ties for use

when in uniform.

A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

FAIRY SPECTACLES MAKE JOHNNY SEE ALL THINGS IN A CHEERFUL LIGHT

They Were Magic Spectacles, of Course, But By the Time He Learned That the Little Boy Was Cheery by Habit

Johnny wondered how it was he came to have glasses on his eyes. He had fallen asleep in a garden swing a little while before, or so it seemed to him. Now, though he doubted his own eyes, he was fully awake and quite distinctly he wore glasses. There was something peculiar about the lens, too, he found; it made everything look bright and cheery looking.

At ten years of age a boy is apt to be cheerful under most circumstances, and Johnny was no exception to the rule. On this day, by way of exception, he was feeling anything but cheerful, for his brothers and sisters and he, by reason of a sprained ankle, had been unable to go along. Instead he had to stay quietly at home with the housekeeper, and as he put it, miss all the fun.

The little boy experimented curiously with the glasses for a while to see how the strange effect was brought about. In some astonishment he found that the frame had no lens in it, and what he had taken to be glass at first was just an empty gap. Still whenever he put on the frame it made everything seem bright, around and about.

Half awake and half dozing Johnny mused about this for a time, and then it seemed to him that a rose bush near the garden seat was making efforts to attract his attention. The flowers waved their pretty petals in front of his face, and the leaves brushed against his sleeve. This failing to attract attention the rose bush deliberately thrust out a branch across his knees and pricked him sharply enough with its thorns.

"Hey, stop that," cried Johnny, and looked full at the rose bush. Then a most curious sight met in his eyes, for standing on tip toes in the heart of a blossom was a tiny fairy. The little creature was not more than one inch high, but perfect in every respect, or at least that is what Johnny thought and he had seen more than one picture of a fairy.

The rose fairy smiled at Johnny and beckoned to him with a silver wand. The waving wand seemed to motion to him to take off the frame that should have held a glass lens but did not. Johnny took off the glasses no longer.

FORMS "CURB IS THE LIMIT CLUB"



"Uncle Bob," of KYW, otherwise Walter Wilson, can't be seen without his genial smile. His greatest good has been in organizing children, as shown in the lower photo, in his "Curb is the Limit Club."

BY ISRAEL KLEIN

Thousands of parents throughout the land give thanks for the safety and good behavior of their children to a genial, plump, "Pied Piper" of Radigland.

He's Walter Wilson, better known to his host of children as "Uncle Bob" of KYW.

The broad grin and the twinkling little eyes of "Uncle Bob" can't be seen by the growing number of children that listen to his stories every evening, but they reveal themselves in his rippling chuckle and captivating voice. His plump physique and his round face can't be noticed through the receiver, but they've been uncovered through the good humor and kindness he has spread through the land.

Here, at last, is a Pied Piper followed by thousands and thousands

of children, in whom the utmost trust and confidence is placed by the parents.

Yet, through it all, "Uncle Bob" warning, "count ten and look both ways before crossing the street." As a result of this daily admonition, "Uncle Bob" has saved many young lives, say safety authorities, and he has gained a great following.

More than 200,000 children are members of this club, in "Uncle Bob's" opinion, and new members are coming in so fast that he can't count them.

Many more write to him about their birthdays, so he may flash greetings to them over the air, others ask him to sing their favorite songs and others want to hear some pet story they have in mind.

Practically all are headed, even to singing. Are you a man, like children. So he held a beauty contest for unmarried ladies under five."

"Uncle Bob's" greatest benefit is

BEDTIME STORY Uncle Wiggly's Paper Guns

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BY HOWARD R. GARIS

"Something will have to be done about it!" growled the Bushy Bear, turning slowly around and trying to get a look at his stubby little tail. He wanted to see whether it was longer or shorter than the Bob Cat's stubby one.

"That's what I say! Something must be done!" snarled the Fuzzy Fox.

"When do we eat?" howled the Woozle Wolf, coming out of dark corner of the Bear's den where this meeting of the bad chaps was taking place one afternoon.

"That's what we're talking of," snickered the Bob Cat who was laughing at the Bear for the big bushy chap couldn't get a glimpse of his stubby tail no matter how fast he was swinging around. "We're talking of the best way to catch Uncle Wiggly to his ears," mewed the Cat.

"We'll never catch him!" cried the Woozle Wolf. " Didn't we all post ourselves at the sides of his bungalow the other day, and didn't he tunnel through the snow and get in the cellar window, fooling us?"

"He did," agreed the Bob Cat. "And the last two times I tried to get that rabbit he fooled me," snarled the Bob Cat. "Once he stuck some fuzzy cotton from the horse chestnut tree on my nose, tickling me so I had to run away. And day before yesterday he made rabbit drop down out of a tree

when the sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Fair magic, I thought it was, and I ran!"

"You did well to run!" said the Fox. "Only yesterday he brushed my teeth with red pepper and my mouth isn't done smarting yet. We must catch that rabbit!"

"So say we all of us!" chanted the Bear and the Wolf.

"But how?" inquired the Bob Cat. "The snow isn't deep, now," went on the Fox. "He can't crawl through a tunnel this time. I don't believe he has any more red pepper and the sun will soon go down so he can't work magic rain from frozen trees. What I say is let's all make a rush to that rabbit's bungalow, burst in the doors and get him by surprise that way, before he knows what's what."

"Let's do it!" snarled the Bob Cat. "I'm tired of being fooled."

So the four bad chaps set off together through the woods, thinking they would surely get Uncle Wiggly this time. And now, as they say in story books, let us see what the rabbit gentleman is doing about this time. He did not know the bad chaps were coming to get him, for Uncle Wiggly was busy taking different things out of different paper bags in the kitchen of his hollow bungalow.

The rabbit gentleman had been to the store for his wife and had brought groceries of various kinds, such as a bottle of calico, a half pint of silk, a dozen of bread and a pound of milk and the like of that. Everything was in paper bags and when the groceries were taken out that left the bags empty.

Baby Bunt, with Scooter, Tooter, Jingle Jangle and the other little rabbits crowded around Uncle Wiggly, asking if they might take the empty paper bags to play store with, for it

in his "Curb is the Limit Club," which he organized a few years ago. A letter applying for membership is all that's required to enter. And there's only one requirement to remain a member—safety while in the streets.

"Stop at the curb," is Uncle Bob's warning, "count ten and look both ways before crossing the street." As a result of this daily admonition, "Uncle Bob" has saved many young lives, say safety authorities, and he has gained a great following.

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Jack Lockwill at Rocklake

By Gilbert Patten



Jack pretended to be greatly alarmed. "I'm sorry," he stammered. "But it was an accident, purely intentional on my part. I seemed to have lost my head for a moment." "Perhaps that'll happen to you later," retorted the Grand Vizier significantly. "Where are you assigned to room?" "In the Hampton House, sir," answered Jack. The Grand Vizier called another boy. "Here's your cootie, Darling," he said.



The door opened, and a snub-nosed, cross-eyed boy pounced in. "Hello, 'Crossfire,'" said Darling. "What's the excitement?" "I've just come to tell this new boy to look out for the Bad Egg," announced the visitor. "He's the fellow whose toes you dropped your suitcase on," he explained to Jack. "His name's Tom McNally, and he's the worst scrapper in the school. He says he's going to knock your block off."

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was Saturday when there was no school.

"Take the bags and welcome, my dears," said Uncle Wiggly and just then, all of a sudden, Nurse Jane looked out from a window and squealed.

"Oh, here come four bad chaps—the Bushy Bear, the Woozle Wolf, the Fuzzy Fox and the Bob Cat with his silly little tail! Here they come to get you, Uncle Wiggly!"

Surely enough, up to the bungalow came the four hungry animals.

"Call the Police Dog!" cried Tooter.

"Get the fire shovel!" said Baby Bunt. But Uncle Wiggly said:

"We shall scare these bad chaps with paper guns. Quick, little bunnies, each one of you blow up a paper bag with air. And when it is blown up, clap the bag hard between your paws and it will burst with a noise like a gun. We'll fix these bad chaps!"

Up ran the bad chaps, trying to break the windows and doors. But, all of a sudden, from within the bungalow sounded: "Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Boom!"

"Oh, there are a lot of hunters in there with guns!" howled the Bob Cat. "Come away before they shoot us!" Then away ran the bad chaps, frightened by the popping of the paper guns which were only blown up grocery bags. But, of course, the Bear and his companions didn't know that.

Away they ran. The Bear stubbed his paw, the Fox fell down, the Wolf stuck a sharp icicle in his nose and the Bob Cat's tail was hit by a snowball thrown by Baby Bunt. And soon all was peace and quiet in the bungalow. The bad chaps were still hungry. But, if wash rag doesn't splash water in the face of the clock so it tells the wrong kind of time, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the early wind.

At Cuzco, the capital, was the Temple of the Sun. The Peruvians were sun-worshippers, and believed that the original Inca and his wife came down from the sun to rule over them.

The historian tells us that this

temple was "literally a mine of gold." On one wall was emblazoned a representation of the deity. It was of enormous dimensions and made of gold. Being studded with gems, it seemed to blaze with light, and must indeed have been an amazing and brilliant thing to look upon.

The greater part of this visible treasure found its way into the pockets of the Spaniards. But apart from this there was still a great deal undiscovered. Frequently great treasures were buried in the tombs of the Incas nobles, and although many of them were rifled later on, these must still be some left.

The Peruvians are also said to have secreted a great mass of their valuables away from the rapacity of their Spanish masters, and in some instances threw them into the rivers and lakes.

TWICE AROUND THE WORLD

As a rule, the hours of sleep should about balance the hours of work, and it is estimated that a man who has lived half a century has slept 6,000 and worked 6,500 hours; but as he began to sleep as soon as he was born, and did not begin to work until he had reached his teens these figures show at least an hour a day must still be some left.

The forest was of course a magic wood, for though there were hundreds of paths through it, paths that no mortal feet had trod before, they all led back to the town. No one of the citizens could find a way through the forest to the outside world. It was as if the witch had said: "These people are too selfish to mix with the world," and had shut them all up in a giant fortress.

"Alarmed at the prospect at being forever shut in behind the wood, which now loomed dark and sinister as it frowned down on the four

DOT LEARNS THE SECRET OF THE PATHLESS WOOD WHICH IMPRISONED TOWN

Only Unselfish Eyes Could Find the Road Through the Forest Which Walled Up the Town Overnight

It wanted ten minutes to bedtime when Grandma, who as everybody knows is the inexhaustible source of all fairy stories, gathered the children around her in front of a crackling log fire to the daily bedtime story.

"Well, what story shall it be?" asked Grandma.

"Tell us about the magic forest," cried the children, all together.

"Very well, then, the magic forest it shall be," and commenced the favorite tale in the time-honored way.

"Once upon a time there was a great wood surrounding a town in which there lived the most selfish inhabitants of any place in the whole wide world. Why they were so selfish that they would not even put their dinner plates down on the table for fear their neighbors might see what they had to eat, and rob them.

"A little girl, hardly more than your age, Elsie, found this path first, and this is the manner of her finding it; this little girl was called Dot. Dot came out of the old woman, who you remember was a witch, picking up sticks in the forest. The old woman seemed so feeble that Dot ran to help her gather her bundle, at last the sticks were all gathered, and Dot helped the old woman carry them home to her cottage.

"You are the first in this town to help me by as much as a kind word, let alone a kind deed," said the old woman to the little girl. "And for that I am going to teach you the secret of the magic wood."

"Thereupon the witch took Dot to the thickest part of the wood where it touched the walls of the town, and showed her a clear wide road out to the country beyond. This road was hidden by dense undergrowth, but curiously enough it was exactly where Dot had helped the witch to gather her bundle of sticks. It seems the witch was waiting just for that purpose, for she was never seen again in the town.

"Dot ran with all her might to her parents, to tell them the wonderful news of the roadway to the world outside. But her parents were so eager for their own good that they had heard of the secret as soon as they had heard it, and search as they would they could not find the road. At last Dot led them to the path, and then they saw the road.

"It was not long before the people of the town found that they could find a ready way out if they wanted it to help others, but if they were seeking their own ends only no road could be found. One by one the townspeople left off their selfish habits, and began to help one another. Almost as quickly as it had come the magic wood disappeared, for you see there was no longer any need of it. And that, children, is the story of the magic wood," concluded Grandma. And so ended the bedtime story for that night.

Rabbits Fascinated By Actions of Weasel

In spite of his small size the weasel is one of the greatest hunters of the countryside, and certainly the most persistent. He works harder than most wild creatures for his meals and seems to thoroughly enjoy his hunting, for he kills far more than the world, and had shut them all up in a giant fortress.

The weasel continued to act more and more vigorously, until he was only four feet from his prey. Now he landed on all four feet; his small yellow back was arched; there was a fierce gleam of triumph in his bright eyes, and he sprang.

A short struggle took place. The lucky rabbits that escaped soon disappeared into their burrows, and it is certain that never again would they be deceived in this manner.

Bees Dance to Convey Good News

A bee, finding flowers with abundant nectar, takes a full load and flies straight home. Very shortly there are more bees on the flowers. How do they know the nectar is there and how do they find it?

Professor J. Arthur Thomson, in the "Scottish Journal of Agriculture," quoted experiments by Professor Karl von Frisch to explain this.

It has been found that when a bee which has succumbed to the full returns to the hive it starts a "round dance" on the comb. This excites the workers close by and by they hurry out to find the nectar themselves. But before they leave the hive they nose at the discoverer and thus obtain a clue by the scent of the kind of flower to seek.

They go off alone, the discoverer remaining in the hive. If the flowers with the nectar have no scent the discoverer can give no clue.

The professor's answer to this is the astonishing one that a bee, even before it has discovered the nectar, at once sprays the blossoms with a characteristic scent formed in a glandular pocket near the hind end of her body. This scent serves as a tell-tale clue to the searching bees.

It has been noticed that when a patch of flowers begins to be exhausted the visits of new bees decline. Soon they stop. This is regulated by the fact that when a bee returns with little nectar she does not dance, and so no more seekers go forth.

WINS BEAUTY CONTEST



Lew Wentz, millionaire oil man, likes children. So he held a beauty contest for unmarried ladies under five. He's shown here with a group of his proteges. In the circle is Miss Thelma Lee Canfield, aged three, who won first prize.

Have You a Fortune Hidden in an Old Trunk?

By Frank J. Ayearst

If you have ever saved old postage stamps, chances are you have not. However, if you have never ridden this hobby, never felt the lure or the fascination which grips the hearts of kids and kings, the butcher and the baker—there is always the possibility that you may have and not realize it.

A little over a year ago, R. N. Angus, a resident of Victoria, Vancouver Island, while going through some old papers left by his father, came across a little black bit about the size of an ordinary bond coupon. In 1851 that little scrap of paper represented an investment of just forty-eight cents. Within a few weeks after Mr. Angus discovered it, a wealthy New Yorker, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, paid \$4,000 to become its enviable owner. On that scrap were two Canadian postage stamps unperfected, issued in June, 1851—two twelve penny blocks, regarded by philatelists as amongst the choicest prizes of the stamp world.

Time was—and not so many years ago—when pieces the size of the one paid to Mr. Angus were unheard of, and the gathering of old stamps was considered the hobby of schoolboys. To-day, whether residing in cottages, apartments or palaces, adult and junior collectors are to be found in every hamlet and city of the civilized world.

Valuable Scraps

According to the most reliable conservative estimates there are some hundred thousand collectors in Canada, domiciled in the various towns and cities that spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In the United States there are at least a million, and an American authority claims this number has a normal yearly augmentation of fifty thousand. In Europe the percentage is much higher, as in the case of Germany, where it is claimed every other person one meets is either a dealer or a collector, and oftentimes both.

The "Who's Who" in philately lists many of the world's most distinguished names. In this list you will find His Majesty King George V; His Royal Highness Prince of Wales; His Majesty Queen Elena of Italy; King Alfonso XIII of Spain; Their Majesties King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium; Prince Hirohito of Japan and King Ahmad Faiz I of Egypt.

In the United States, it is claimed that there are ten individual collections valued at over a million dollars each. However, Canada is not without its share of celebrated collections, among which one might mention those of Senator J. A. Calder, LL.D., Ottawa; Dr. E. G. Mason, O.B.E., Calgary; Dr. L. S. Holmes of London; Major-General Robert Remond of Toronto; Lt.-Col. Pigott of Vancouver, and Dr. Lewis L. Rofford of Montreal. Dr. Rofford's was not begun until 1916, and is

particularly noteworthy, inasmuch as it is said to comprise the finest lot of British North American stamps in existence, containing all the known varieties in a multitude of shades, papers and perforations.

At the recent Philatelists' Exhibition held in New York City, Alfred F. Lichtenstein displayed no less than thirteen of these valuable twelve penny blocks. This is rather a remarkable showing when one is told that so far only fifty have been unearthed. Originally, the government ordered 51,000 of these stamps, and when it was found they did not conform with any single postal rate, all but 1,510 were ordered destroyed. This leaves about 1,500 that have never been discovered or reached any market.

Contrary to a somewhat prevalent, erroneous opinion the twelve penny block does not hold the record price for Canadian stamps. Until some time last year, Canada's two cent green, issued in 1858, was only known to exist on stout wove paper and valued at about two dollars each. An observant collector in Boston discovered one on laid paper. Heretofore, this stamp's existence was unknown. This scrap of paper, one inch square, when offered to Dr. Rofford of Montreal, brought a record price of \$3,200—just one hundred and sixty thousand times its original cost. So far no other copies have been found, but this issue of stamps came out in sheets of a hundred each. In whose old trunk are the other ninety and nine? Surely some one's trunk contains stamps of infinitely greater value than the contents of any magician's chest.

Farmer's Valuable Find

It is more than likely many of these stamps have been destroyed in the annual spring housecleaning, but one has only to talk to a few of the dealers to hear of real finds that are constantly being made. A typical case was related to me the other day by one of Toronto's largest dealers.

An ardent collector while visiting some friends in a small town close to Toronto, met a farmer on the street and asked him if he had any old stamps at home. This chap fished out of his vest pocket a couple of unused six penny Canadian stamps, bearing a very fine portrait of the Prince Consort, in full court dress. He took them home, steamed them apart, and when he got to Toronto, he sold them to a local dealer for just \$300. The farmer had found them a few days before in an old trunk while looking for an old tintype; thinking them of no value he had stuck them in his pocket with the intention of handing them to the first collector he met. This man had lost a team of horses through the ice just a couple of weeks prior to the sale of this square inch of paper, and as he said: "Those two



stamps made me feel my team had come back to life."

The business of supplying stamps to philatelists has grown to unbelievable proportions since the war. To-day there is not a city on this continent that has not got one or more professional stamp dealers paying taxes into the local treasury. In Toronto alone, there are no less than thirty recorded; one with a staff of ten clerks, handling a large correspondence with collectors in all parts of the world. Another Toronto dealer, specializing in the issues of British North America, confided in me that form his two million dollar selection.

Our own country has one of the most interesting of all the freak stamps that have ever been discovered. This stamp is what is known as the bought no less than \$50,000 worth of these stamps. A London firm, Stanley Gibbons, Limited, Philatelists by Appointment to His Majesty King George V, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has a paid-up capital of nearly half a million dollars.

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The Exit of Battling Bilson

By P. G. Wodehouse

THE Theatre Royal, Lluninduno, is in the principal thoroughfare of that repellent town, and opposite its grubby main entrance there is a lamp-post. Under this, as I approached, a man was standing. He was a large man. His hair was that of one who has recently passed through some trying experience. There was dust on his person, and he had lost his hat. At the sound of my footsteps he turned, and the rays of the lamp revealed the features of Stanley Featherstonehaugh Ukrige.

And what Ukrige, a free agent, could be doing in Lluninduno was more than I could imagine. Situated, as its name implies, in Wales, it is a dingy, dishevelled spot, inhabited by tough and sinister men with suspicious eyes and three-day beards. To me, after a mere forty minutes in the place, it was incredible that anyone should be there except on compulsion.

Ukrige gaped at me.

"Corky, old horse!" he said, "this is the most amazing event in history. The last biopic I expected to see."

"Same here. Is anything the matter?" I asked.

"Matter? I should say something was the matter!" snorted Ukrige. "They cracked me out!"

"Chucked you out? Who? Where from?"

"This infernal theatre, laddie. After taking my good money, dash it! At least, I got in on my face, but that has nothing to do with the principle of the thing. Corky, my boy, don't you ever go about this world seeking for justice, because there's no such thing under heaven. I had just gone out for a breath after the first act. When I came back, I found some fiend had pinched my seat. And just because I tried to lift the fellow out by the ears, a dozen hired assassins shot me out. Me, I'll trouble you! The injured party! Upon my Sam," he said, heatedly, with a longing look at the closed door, "I've a dashed good mind to."

We crossed the road to a public-house. The crisis was over.

"Corky," said Ukrige, "a few moments later, 'I can't get over the astounding fact of your being in this blighted town."

I explained my position. My presence was due to the fact that the paper which occasionally made use of my services as a special writer had sent me to compose a more scholarly report than its local correspondent seemed capable of concocting regarding the activities of one Evan Jones, a revivalist. His last and biggest meeting was to take place next morning at eleven o'clock.

"But what are you doing here?" I asked.

"Haven't you seen the posters?"

"What posters? I only a rived an hour ago."

"My dear old horse! Then naturally you aren't abreast of local affairs. He led me out into the street. "Look!"

Trained to an Ounce

HE was pointing at a poster which decorated the side wall of the Bon Ton Millinery Emporium. The street-lighting system of Lluninduno is defective, but I was able to read:

ODDFELLOWS' HALL

Special Ten-Round Contest

LLOYD THOMAS
(Lluninduno)

vs.
BATTING BILLSON
(Bermontsey).

"Comes off to-morrow night," said Ukrige. "I don't mind telling you, laddie, that I expect to make a fortune."

"Are you still managing the Battler?" I said, surprised at this dogged perseverance. "I should have thought that you would have had about enough of it."

"Oh, he means business this time. I've been talking to him like a father."

"How much does he get?"

"Twenty quid."

"Twenty quid? Well, where does the colossal fortune come in? Your share will only be a tenner."

"No, my boy. You haven't got on to my shrewdness. I'm not in-on the purse this time. I'm the management."

"The management?"

"Well, part of it. You remember Isaac O'Brien, the bookie I was partner with till Looney Coote smashed the business? Izzy Previn is his real name. We've gone shares in this thing. Izzy came down a week ago, hired the hall, and looked after the advertising and so on; and I arrived with good old Billson this afternoon. We're giving him twenty quid, and the other fellow's getting another twenty; and all the rest Izzy and I split on a fifty-fifty basis. Affluence, laddie! That's what it means. Owing to this Jones fellow, the place is crowded, and every sportman for miles around, will be there at five o'clock, a head, cheaper seats two-and-a-half, and standing-room one shilling. Add lemonade and fried fish privileges, and you have a proposition almost without parallel in the annals of commerce. I couldn't be more on velvet if they let me loose in the mint."

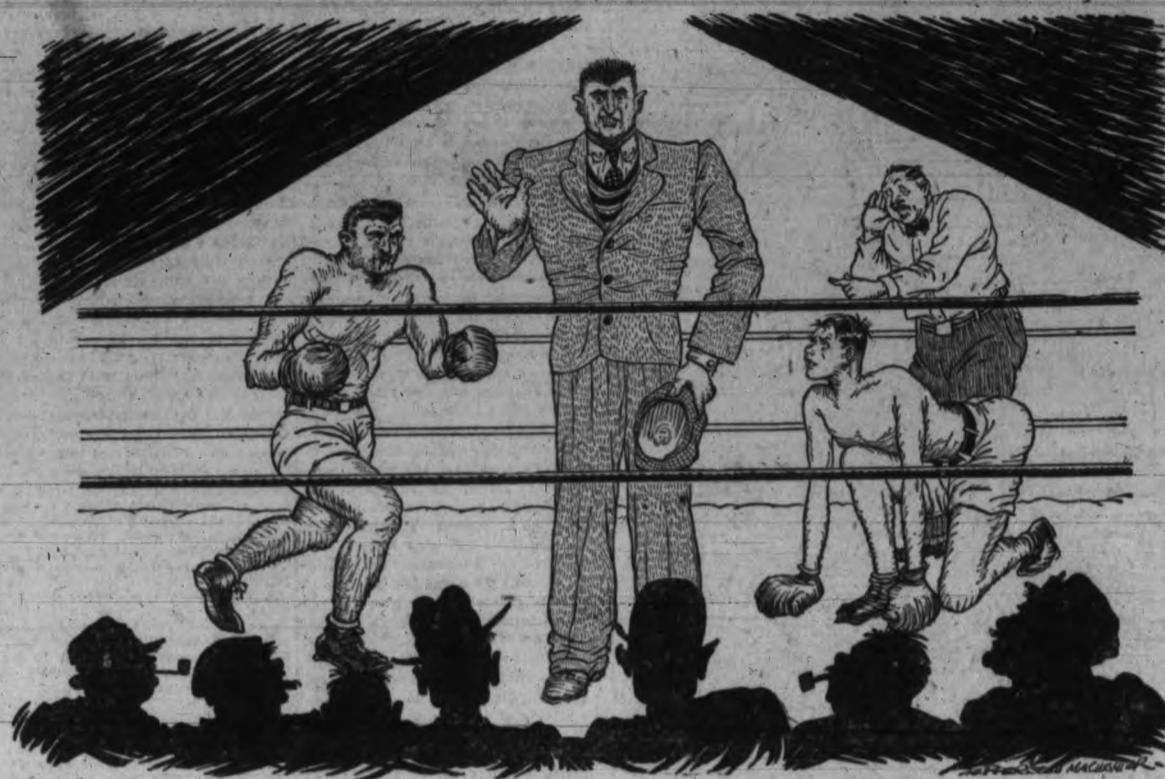
"How is the Battler?"

"Trained to an ounce. Come and see him to-morrow morning."

"I can't come in the morning. I've got to go to this Jones meeting."

"Oh, yes. Well, make it early in the afternoon. Don't come later than three, because he will be resting. We're at Number Seven Caerleon street. Ask for the Cap and Feathers public-house, and turn sharp to the left."

The following afternoon I set out



"Fightin', bellowed Mr. Billson, ain't right."

to pay my respects to Mr. Billson. The Cap and Feathers was a dubious-looking hostelry in a dubious neighborhood. The sounds proceeding from its interior were not reassuring. There was a good deal of shouting and much smashing of glass; and, as I stood there, the door flew open and a familiar figure emerged rather hastily. A moment later there appeared the doorway a woman.

"He Thinks Fighting's Wrong"

HE was a small woman, but she carried the most intimidating mop I had ever seen. It dripped dirty water as she brandished it; and the man, glancing apprehensively over his shoulder, proceeded rapidly on his way.

"Hello, Mr. Billson!" I said, as he shot by me.

It was not perhaps, the moment for endeavoring to engage him in light conversation. He showed no disposition to linger. He vanished, and the woman, with a few winged words, gave her mop a victorious flourish and re-entered the public-house. I walked on. A little later, a huge figure stepped cautiously out of an alleyway and fell into step at my side.

"Didn't recognize you, mister," said Mr. Billson, apologetically.

"Who?" I asked, tactlessly, perhaps. "Was your lady friend?"

Mr. Billson looked sheepish. "Unnecessarily, in my opinion. Even heroes may legitimately quail before a mop wielded by an angry woman."

"She came out of a back room," he said, with embarrassment. "Started makin' a fuss when she saw what I'd done. So I come away. You can't dot a 'woman,'" argued Mr. Billson chivalrously.

"Certainly not," I agreed. "But what was the trouble?"

"I been doin' good," said Mr. Billson virtuously.

"Doing good?"

"Spillin' their beers."

"Whose beers?"

"All of their beers. I went in and there was a lot of fellers drinkin' beers. So I spilled 'em. All of 'em. Walked round and spilled all of them beers, one after the other. Not 'arf surprised them," said Mr. Billson, with what sounded to me not unlike a worldly chuckle.

"Beer," he proceeded, with cold austerity, "ain't right."

My mouth watered a little. I decided to change the subject.

"I'm looking forward to seeing you fight to-night," I said.

"Me?"

"Yes. At the Oddfellows' Hall, you know."

"I ain't fighting at no Oddfellows' Hall," he replied. "Not at no Oddfellows' Hall, nor nowhere else I'm not fighting, not to-night or no night."

My one thought was to reach Ukrige and acquaint him with these sinister developments. As one of the star performers at a special ten-round contest, scheduled to take place that evening, Mr. Billson's attitude seemed to me peculiar, not to say disquieting. So, even though a sudden crash and upsurge from the Blue Boar called to me to linger, I hurried on to Number Seven Caerleon street. I found Ukrige lying on a sofa in the far corner of the sitting room. I unloaded my grave news.

"I've just seen Billson," I said, "and he seems to be in rather a strange mood. In fact, I'm sorry to say, old man, he rather gave me the impression—"

"That he wasn't going to fight to-night?" said Ukrige, with a strange calm. "Quite correct. He isn't. He's just been in here to tell me so. What I like about the man is his consideration for all concerned. He doesn't want to upset anybody's arrangements."

"But what's the trouble? Is he wickin' about only gettin' twenty pounds?"

"No. He thinks fighting's wrong!"

"What?"

"Nothing more or less. Corky, my

boy. He's been to that revival meeting. Came in half an hour ago, a changed man. Told us it was all off, and then buzzed out."

I was at a loss to account for Ukrige's calm. His fortitude amazed me.

His next remark, however, offered an explanation.

"We're putting on a substitute," he said.

"Oh, you've got a substitute? Where did you find him?"

"As a matter of fact, laddie, I've decided to go on myself."

"Do you mean to tell me that you intend to appear in the ring?" I cried.

"Perfectly straightforward business-like proposition, old man," said Ukrige, stoutly. "I'm in excellent shape. I sparred with Billson every day."

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"I'm off," he announced.

"Off? How do you mean; off?" I tried to soothe what I took to be an eleventh-hour attack of stage-fright. "You'll be all right."

Ukrige laughed hollowly.

"Once the gong goes, you'll forget the crowd."

"It isn't the crowd," said Ukrige, in a pale voice, climbing into his trousers. "Corky, old man," he went on, earnestly. "If you feel your angry passions rising to the point where you want to swat a stranger, restrain yourself. There's nothing in it. Thomas was in here a moment ago—with his manager, to settle the final details. He's the fellow I had the trouble with at the theatre last night."

The man you pulled out of the seat by his ears?" I gasped.

"Recognized me at once, confound him, and it was all his manager, a thoroughly decent cove whom I liked, could do to prevent him getting at me there and then."

At this moment, the door opened and a man came in. The newcomer was a stout, dark, and beady-eyed. From his manner, I deduced that this must be Izzy Previn, recently trading as Isaac O'Brien. He was cheeriness itself.

"The house," proceeded Mr. Previn, "is abitously full. Crammed, jammed and packed. They're hanging from the roof by their eyelids. It's goin' to be a knockout."

The expression could hardly have been less happily chosen. Ukrige spoke in no uncertain voice.

"I'm not goin' to fight!"

Mr. Previn's exuberance fell from him like a gnat.

"What do you mean?"

"Rather an unfortunate thing has

happened," I explained. "It seems that this man Thomas is a fellow Ukrige had trouble with at the theatre last night."

"What do you mean, Ukrige?" broke in Mr. Previn. "This is Battling Billson."

"I've told Corky all about it," said Ukrige, as he laced his shoes. "Old pal of mine."

"Thomas was in here just now," I said. "Ukrige and he had a row at the theatre last night, and naturally Ukrige is afraid he will go back on the agreement."

"Nonetheless," said Mr. Previn, and his manner was that of one soothed a refractory child. "He went go back on the agreement. He promised he'd play light and he will play light. Give me his big word as a gentleman."

"He isn't a gentleman," Ukrige pointed out moodily.

"Conthider!" pleaded Mr. Previn.

Ukrige began to button his collar.

"But think!" implored Mr. Previn.

"Think of the money! Do you really we'll have to return it all, every penny of it?"

Ukrige paused irresolutely. At this moment, a man came hurrying in.

"What's the matter?" he demanded furiously. "Thomas has been in the ring for five minutes. Isn't your man ready?"

"In one half-tick," said Mr. Previn.

He turned meaningfully to Ukrige.

"That's right, ain't it? You'll be ready in half a tick?"

Ukrige nodded wanly. He shed sweat, trousers, shoes, and collar, parting from them as if they were old friends whom he never expected to see again. One wistful glance he cast at his mackintosh, lying forlornly across a chair; and then, with more a suggestion of a funeral procession, we started down the corridor that led to the main hall.

The hum of many voices came to us; there was a sudden blaze of light, and we were there. I must say for the sport-loving citizens of Lluninduno that they appeared to be fair-minded men. Stranger in their midst though he was, they gave Ukrige an excellent reception as he climbed into the ring; and for a moment, such is the tonic effect of applause on a large scale, his depression seemed to lift. A faint smile played about his drawn mouth, and I think it would have developed into a bawful grin, had he not at this instant caught sight of the redoubtable Mr. Thomas towering across the way. I saw him blink, as one who, at a moment's notice, had been punched in the nose.

A hand pushed me aside. Something darkly obscured the lights. And Wilberforce Billson, squeezing under the ropes, clambered into the ring.

For the purposes of the historian, it was a good thing that a dazed silence held the audience in its grip.

Otherwise, it might have been difficult to probe motives and explain underlying causes. I think the spectators were either too surprised to shout, or else they entertained for a few brief seconds the idea that Mr. Billson was the forerunner of a posse of plain-clothes police about to raid the place. At any rate, for a space they were silent, and he was enabled to say his say.

"Eighteen!" bellowed Mr. Billson.

"ain't right!"

There was an uneasy rustle in the audience. The voice of the referee came thinly, saying, "Here! hi!"

Billson oration was interrupted by Mr. Thomas, who was endeavoring to get round him and attack Ukrige. The Battler pushed him gently back.

The rest of his remarks were lost.

With a startling suddenness, the frozen silence melted.

In every part of the hall indignant men were rising to state their views.

It is doubtful whether, even if he had been granted a continuance of their attention, Mr. Billson would have spoken to much greater length; for at this moment Lloyd Thomas, who had been gnawing at the strings of his gloves with the air of a man who is able to stand just so much and whose limit has been exceeded, now suddenly shed these obstacles to the freer expression of self, and, advancing bare-handed, smote Mr. Billson

violently on the jaw.

Mr. Billson turned. For a moment, he seemed uncertain how to proceed.

Then he turned the other cheek.

The fermenting Mr. Thomas smote that, too.

There was no vacillation or uncertainty now about Wilberforce Billson. He considered that he had done all that could reasonably be expected of any pacifist. A man has only two cheeks. He flung up a mast-like arm, to block a third blow, countered with an accuracy and spirit which sent his aggressor to the ropes; then, removing his coat, went into action with undiminished zeal. And, as he smote, he dropped up in his dropped on his corner.

Even as Mr. Thomas shuffled towards him, Ukrige's left fist shot out and thudded

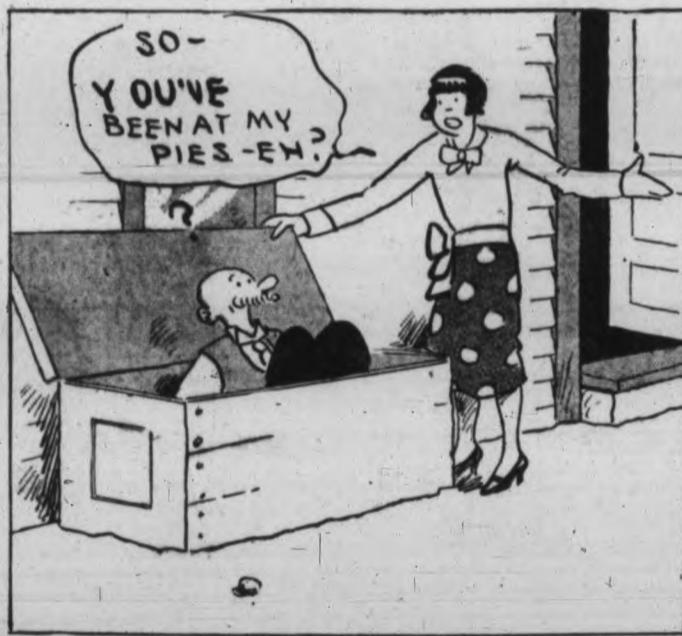
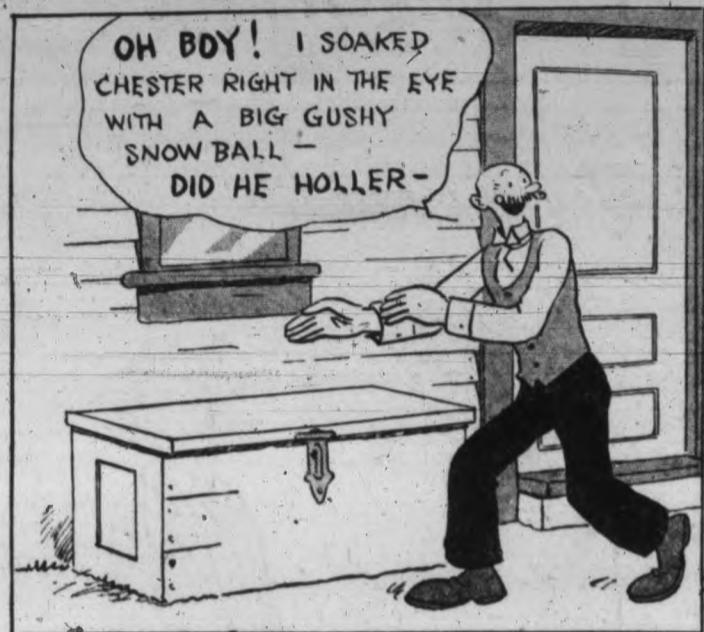
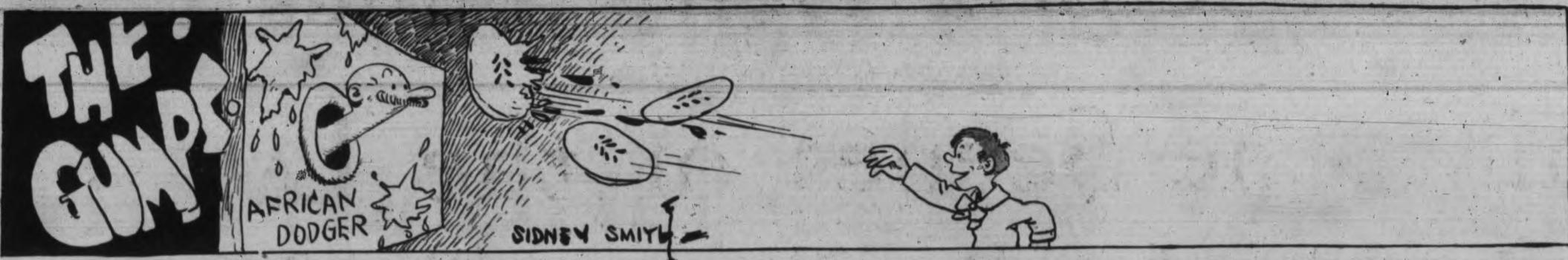
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